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PARADE Brazilians may be seeing a whole lot more of the student whose short pink dress got her booted from college: She's agreed to march in the nation's famously flesh-baring Carnival parades.

Geisy Arruda

Geisy Arruda, who became an instant celebrity after being heckled by hundreds of fellow students because of her dress, said Thursday she has accepted invitations to participate with samba groups in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

"It will be a dream come true for me," Arruda said.

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Warrants Humane Society raid

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Toronto Humane Society president Tim Trow sits handcuffed in a car Thursday after being arrested. Trow, the society's chief veterinarian and three other staff members were arrested and charged after a police search Thursday. More coverage, page 2.

Subway subtraction

TTC offers discount if tickets aren't available at booths

TTC riders will be able to board the subway for a discounted cash fare if tickets aren't available at collector booths, transit officials say.

However, the deal isn't being offered to commuters who take buses and streetcars, despite the fact some independent ticket retailers have run out of tickets and aren't being restocked as quickly as usual.

"If you wanted to get on the subway, and the collector doesn't have the tickets, you would pay the cash fare equivalent of $2.25," said TTC spokesperson Brad Ross, adding the discount has been a longtime part of transit policy.

But riders taking the streetcar or bus will have to pay the regular $2.75 cash fare, Ross said, because the commission simply can't tell who intended to buy tickets or passes.

In the past few days, some subway stations have run out of tickets because collectors hadn't ordered enough. But as of Thursday morning, all stocks had been replenished, Ross said.

With stations' fare supplies back to normal, Ross said the TTC will focus on restocking the 11,000 or so independent retailers that sell tickets.

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Riders rail on TTC chief

If anyone needs a bodyguard to ride transit these days, it's TTC chair Adam Giambrone.

Amid a crowd pressed into Bloor Station during Thursday's rush hour, he was a target of dagger stares and hissed expletives as riders expressed frustrations over a new crowd-control experiment in the system's most notorious bottleneck.

Adam Giambrone

"Idiot," one passerby muttered, while another yelled "stupid idea."

Giambrone, whose height and public profile make him easy to spot, later laughed off a joke about needing a bodyguard, and claimed not to have heard the insults.

But the anger was palpable among more polite riders, who took the opportunity to confront him about why they're now expected to pay more for lousy service. The frustration, one told him, is there's a perception TTC employees earn great money, and "when we go ask them for help we're treated rudely."

"Absolutely unacceptable, but it's routine," the rider said. "The response I get from the complaint line is, 'There's nothing we can do about it.'"

TTC spokesperson Brad Ross admitted recent events have created "a perfect storm of frustration" for riders.

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Domestic dispute leads to death

Police in Brampton have charged a 35-year-old woman with manslaughter in the death of her common-law husband. Peel region police were called to a home Nov. 1 and found a 44-year-old man suffering deep cuts to his arm. Police allege the victim and accused were at a house party when they got into an altercation that resulted in injuries to the victim. Franklin Thomas of Brampton later died of his injuries in hospital. Marcianne (Debbie) King is charged with manslaughter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Humane Society raided

President and staffers facing charges, including for animal cruelty

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals raided the Toronto Humane Society Thursday afternoon. President Tim Trow and four other staff members are facing criminal charges, including animal cruelty.

Trow is facing two charges of animal cruelty, two of conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, and three charges of obstruction of a police officer.

Head veterinarian Steve Sheridan, shelter manager Gary McCracken, business manager Romeo Bernadino and shelter supervisor Andy Bechtel were also arrested on charges of animal cruelty and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence. As well, all five and the board of directors face five provincial counts of animal cruelty.

Ian McConachie, spokesman for the Toronto Humane Society, said the police and the OSPCA effected a search warrant.

"I've been asked to leave the shelter," McConachie said at 3:45 p.m. Thursday. He said he was in a state of shock and everyone inside the Humane Society was surprised and alarmed.

Volunteer Bev Mitchell said she could smell the pepper spray and said it was affecting the other animals.

At 5:30 p.m., OSPCA veterinarians were still inside the building at Queen and River streets. "We're going to be here for quite a while," said spokesperson Rosaline Ryan. "There are quite a few animals to look at."

Thursday's raid and charges come after a tumultuous year for the THS. The OSPCA launched its investigations in May after a newspaper report described a dysfunctional shelter at which animals allegedly suffered because veterinarians were overruled and staff intimidated by Trow, a retired lawyer known for his opposition to euthanasia.

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Breakdown of the charges

- Tim Trow, THS president, charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, cruelty to animals and obstruction of a peace officer.
- Gary McCracken, THS general manager, charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, cruelty to animals, and obstruction of a peace officer.
- Dr. Steve Sheridan, THS head veterinarian, charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and cruelty to animals.
- Andy Bechtel charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, cruelty to animals and obstruction of a peace officer.
- Romeo Bernadino charged with conspiracy to commit and indictable offence, cruelty to animals, and obstruction of a peace officer
- All of the above, as well as the THS board of directors, are also charged with five counts of animal cruelty, a provincial offence under the Ontario SPCA Act.

900 layoffs at Rogers Communications

Rogers Communications Inc. says it's laying off about 900 employees across Canada, mostly in executive and management positions, in an effort to streamline operations as it grapples with intensifying competition.

A spokeswoman for the telecommunications and media giant didn't give a precise figure for the number of people affected, but said the layoffs represent three per cent of the company's total workforce of 30,000 across the country.

"The goal was to streamline the organization, remove the number of layers and enable quick and faster decision making," Rogers spokeswoman Terrie Tweddle said in an interview Thursday.

> **"The goal was to streamline the organization."**
> Terrie Tweddle, Rogers spokeswoman

Areas of the company affected by the cuts include marketing and communications, human resources, and technology support operations.

Tweddle added the cuts have a minimal effect on "front-line" operations, such as call centres and customer services.

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A customer leaves a Rogers Plus store Thursday in the Rogers Centre. Rogers Communications announced Thursday it is laying off 900 employees across Canada, mostly in executive and management positions.

Rogers invests $163M in Cogeco

NEW MEDIA Rogers Communications Inc. says it has increased its stake in Canada's fourth-largest cable company, Cogeco Cable Inc. and its parent Cogeco Inc.

Rogers says it will spend a total of $163 million in cash, plus commissions, to increase its minority stakes in the two Montreal-based companies, which are controlled by the founding Audet family through multiple-vote shares.

Toronto-based Rogers, which has had a minority stake in Cogeco for a number of years, said it will own nearly one-third of the equity of Cogeco Inc. and about one-fifth of Cogeco Cable after the transactions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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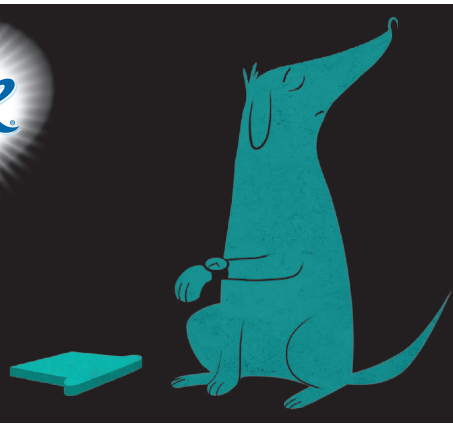

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Police issue warrant in connection with murder

Police have put out a warrant for first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of the city's 47th homicide. Const. Tony Vella said police are looking for Robert Owen Cave, 20, of no fixed address. The charge stems from the death of a 24-year-old man earlier this month in the Keele Street and Finch Avenue area. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Closing on a record

Snow-free November would likely be first for Toronto

It is a speck of a record, one that could easily be displaced by a single flake of snow.

As an unusually balmy November draws to a close, not a trace of snow has fallen on our city streets.

If we make it to the end of the month — which seems inevitable if you follow weather forecasts — it will be the first snow-free November on record since 1937, the year Environment Canada started tracking snowfall at Pearson Airport.

"So far this year we have not had a speckle of snow," said Louis Allard, meteorologist with Environment Canada.

There is a slim chance this record could already be broken. Snowfall data for November 1939 is missing, which Allard assumes "has to do with the war."

So what do we have to thank for this respite from the expected seasonal chill?

A strong current of warm air is pushing back cold currents from Alaska, explained Allard. "Weather is just a fight between the cold and the warm."

Don't expect things to change by month's end.

Friday temperatures are expected to top out at 7 C. A mix of sun and clouds and a high of 6 C, eliminates any potential snowfall on Saturday. Sunday temperatures could reach 8C. Monday will be a bit nippy, with a high of 4 C, dropping as low as 0 C.

But even reaching 0 C doesn't guarantee snow.

"If you have a high of zero you have a greater chance," said Allard.

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Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker is shown some of the city's new snow clearing equipment by Gary Welsh, the city's general manager of transportation services, at the city works yard on Eastern Avenue. The city has bought new equipment to clear more sidewalks.

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City buildings not restricted in terms of cable packages

TELEVISION Who's watching the tube at Toronto City Hall and other city buildings?

Just about everyone, it would seem. And an audit report estimates that Toronto could save more than $150,000 a year on its cable bill.

At the moment, that's hard to do because the city doesn't have any way of tracking all of its cable TV service, and potential bulk discounts are lost because every division makes its own deal.

City policy permits councillors to get "basic cable and news channels" in their City Hall and constituency offices — no movie channels. But that policy applies only to politicians.

"Some people could have the Cadillac of services — high definition, they could have the works," said Councillor Doug Holyday, who chairs the audit committee.

> **"Some people could have the Cadillac of services — high definition, they could have the works."**
> Councillor Doug Holyday

Toronto's accounts payable office gets nearly 100 cable bills a month, the report says. That in itself wastes staff time and drives up bank service charges with multiple transactions. And it raises the question of whether the city is getting the best deal.

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Legal aid boycott may expand

LAW Ontario's legal aid boycott could be expanded to include all offences as early as Friday amid growing pressure to ramp up the months-long protest, The Canadian Press has learned.

The Criminal Lawyers' Association is considering a range of options, although no decision has yet been made because there's a division between rank-and-file lawyers and the group's leadership, said the sources.

Attorney General Chris Bentley said Thursday he was disappointed in the ongoing protest, noting his government has already provided a $150-million funding increase over the next four years to help the struggling program.

"We're going to do whatever we need to do to provide access to justice," said Bentley.

"We'll take whatever steps are required, but I simply say to those who believe that they can put pressure for more money by engaging in these actions — it's not going to work; there is no more money."

Bentley has expressed growing frustration with the boycott, arguing the government has offered all the money it can afford in the wake of a $25-billion deficit.

He has also set up discussions with lawyers to find out how best to use that money.

Participation in the legal aid system is voluntary so the government can't force the lawyers back to work, and while he suggested he would take strong action if the lawyers ramped up their protest, Bentley wouldn't specify what those measures would be.

He didn't rule out setting up a public defender system, however, saying: "If we are forced by their actions to take further steps, we will."

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Boycott to continue regardless

- If the expanded boycott is voted down, the protest would still apply to cases involving guns and gangs and homicide cases as it does now, but lawyers are aggressively pushing for an escalated protest.

Safety needle program grows

HEALTH The provincial government is expanding a needle safety program to a third group of workplaces in Ontario.

So-called safety needles are designed to eliminate or minimize the risk of needle punctures to nurses and other health care workers.

The first stage applied to hospitals and the program was later expanded to long-term care homes, psychiatric facilities, labs and specimen collection centres.

The safety needles will also be mandatory in doctors' and dentists' offices, community health centres, family health teams and independent health facilities as of next July 1.

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CN strike looms

Federal mediators hope Friday's talks between the Canadian National Railway and the union representing its locomotive engineers will avert a strike that could begin Saturday. The Teamsters Canada Rail Conference represents 12,000 railway workers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Keeping health-care money home

Health minister focused on limited amount of out-of-province health care

Ontario is trying to tackle a huge increase in out-of-province visits covered by public health insurance over the last decade, Health Minister Deb Matthews said Thursday.

"There has been a dramatic increase in out-of-country health care provided and covered through OHIP," she told the legislature.

"We are very focused on bringing that number back down."

Matthews was reacting to a Metroland news report that found Ontario agreed to fund 11,775 procedures or treatments last year, a 450 per cent increase from 2,110 in 2001.

Many of the visits involve five genetic tests to detect cardiac disease and congenital defects in fetuses, which the province doesn't do now but plans to do by next spring, Matthews said outside the chamber.

Some of those "visits" paid by OHIP are actually samples that are shipped to the United States for testing, not actually patients, she added.

"We're making big investments to bring it back home," Matthews said.

"And it's exactly the right kind of investment we should be making as a government because it's an up-front cost, but it will save us money in the long term and provide better care for Ontarians."

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Ontario health minister Deb Matthews.

Who qualifies?

- Ontario residents can be sent out of province for medical procedures at taxpayers' expense if the province doesn't offer the procedure or if the patient needs urgent care and can't get it here.

Province opens up wood supply

FORESTRY Ontario is opening up wood supply previously held by some major forestry companies to all players in the field to give everyone a fair chance to get back to work.

Forestry Minister Michael Gravelle is launching a wood supply competition in the hope of creating jobs and boosting investment in the struggling sector.

The move means all existing or new forestry companies could now have access to about 11 million cubic metres of wood — much of which was previously held through older licences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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2,300 stolen bikes sit unclaimed

CRIME While the case of accused bike thief Igor Kenk winds its way through the courts, close to 2,300 bikes seized in police garage raids sit unclaimed in a deserted secondary school targeted for demolition. And it will eventually be the site of a new 14 division police station.

"The sooner we can come to a resolution of how to dispose of those bicycles the happier I am," said police Supt. Ruth White, after hearing that Kenk's bail review was adjourned from Wednesday to next Wednesday.

"The bikes are in a building that's going to be demolished. It's my new station," said White. The bikes have to be removed before they could go to auction, she added. The old Heydon Park Secondary School on St. Anne's Road, a career preparatory school for girls, is slated for demolition in January or February.

So far, 582 of bikes seized from 12 locations have been returned to their owners, said White.

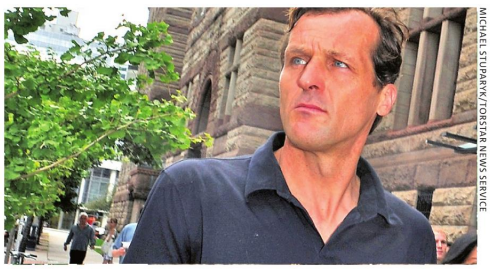
On Nov. 9, the Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities Office, a branch of the Ministry of the Attorney General, filed an interlocutory motion for an order for interim sale of the bikes and that the proceeds be held by the court pending the outcome of the full application.

That earlier application is for forfeiture of Kenk's property as alleged proceeds of crime and includes the numerous bicycles, his business called "Igor's Bicycle Clinic" at 927 Queen St. W. and his two Toyota trucks.

The matter was adjourned from Nov. 24 to Dec. 4.

Meanwhile police have their hands tied, with a load of seized bikes on their hands, no funds to pay for private storage and nowhere to move them until the case concludes.

Before the adjournment of Kenk's bail review Wednesday, Superior Court Justice John Hamilton was hoping there must be "some way" to address secondary grounds for release, in other words how to address the possibility of bail if the 50-year-old Kenk reoffended again while out on bail. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Igor Kenk's bail review has been adjourned to next Wednesday.

Ontario ups HST rebate pressure

TAX There will be no rebate cheques of up to $1,000 to offset the new harmonized sales tax without Ottawa's stamp of approval, warns Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

Stepping up pressure on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's minority government to introduce tax legislation — and upon federal Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to support it — the province is appealing to Ontarians' pocketbooks.

"A vote against that (measure) would effectively take $4 billion out of the pockets of Ontarians," Duncan said Thursday.

That's because most of the $4.3 billion Ottawa has promised Queen's Park — in return for blending the eight per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent federal GST — is for consumer rebates.

Rebate amounts

- Ontario families with an annual household income of up to $160,000 are slated to receive rebate cheques totalling $1,000 and single Ontarians earning $80,000 or less will get $300.

But the accord signed last March by the two governments is "subject to the requisite legislative approvals" in both the Ontario Legislature and the Commons.

"Without federal legislation, Ontario won't see a dime of the transition funding to implement the HST," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, who urged Premier Dalton McGuinty to scrap the tax if it fails to get through the Commons.

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Police pull over, arrest 14-year-old

Provincial police chased down a driver they say tried to dodge a spot check near Kenora, Ont., only to find out he was only 14. A 14-year-old boy was arrested while trying to exit the driver's side of the vehicle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Contract for Bryant's lawyer under wraps

Province refusing to release hiring terms for Peck

The Ontario government is refusing to release the contract of a special prosecutor hired to handle criminal charges against former attorney general Michael Bryant, saying the contract is related to the prosecution and cannot be made public.

The Canadian Press made a request under provincial freedom of information legislation for the contract of Richard Peck, the veteran Vancouver lawyer who has been retained by Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General to prosecute Bryant.

In its response, the attorney general's office said the contract is related to an ongoing prosecution and is therefore exempt from freedom of information requests.

Bryant was charged with criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving causing death following an altercation with cyclist Darcy Allan Sheppard on Aug. 31 in Toronto.

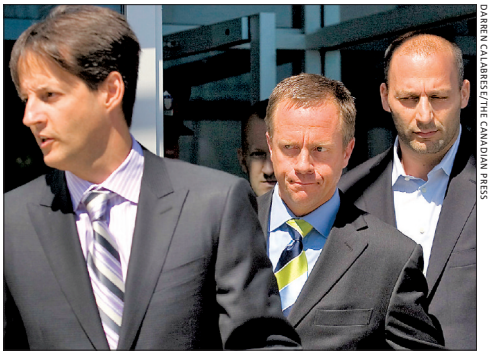
Court date

- The Crown has yet to disclose the details of its case against Bryant. The next court date is set for Dec. 7.

Police say the incident began with a "minor collision" between Bryant and Sheppard on a busy downtown street which resulted in Sheppard grabbing on to the side of a car. Sheppard then fell under the vehicle, suffering fatal injuries.

Government transparency advocates are criticizing the refusal to release Peck's contract.

Duff Conacher, co-ordinator of Democracy Watch, said the contract is unrelated to Bryant's actual prosecution. "It has nothing to do with how the prosecution will be conducted, (and) has nothing which would prejudice the case or any witness or the judge or any jury," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant, centre, is flanked by his lawyers as he leaves the Toronto Police Traffic Services in this September file photo.

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Zoo's $250M campaign to raise just $16M: Staff

FUNDRAISING The Toronto Zoo's 10-year, $250 million fund-raising campaign will generate just $16 million over its first five years, according to estimates of zoo staff. The modest start continues to raise questions about the wisdom of the zoo jettisoning its fundraising foundation last year, says Coun. Paul Ainslie, a director of the zoo.

A report to the zoo board from acting chief executive Peter Evans showed that the zoo will raise no money toward its $250 million capital campaign this year, and forecasts $731,000 next year.

It says it forecasts the zoo will raise a total of $16.2 million over the first five years of the 10-year campaign. That would leave $233.8 million to raise in the final five years.

> **"Those numbers ... need to be changed, but my colleagues don't want to change them."**
> Coun. Paul Ainslie

The zoo board voted to terminate its relationship with the Toronto Zoo Foundation a year ago, after complaining the foundation wasn't raising enough money.

Ainslie said the latest report shows the zoo board's $250 million target was optimistic.

"I stand by what I've been saying all year long," Ainslie said. "Those numbers are unrealistic, they need to be changed, but my colleagues don't want to change them." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

MuchMusic **Singing sensation**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

British singer Leona Lewis appears on MuchOnDemand at MuchMusic on Thursday. The 24-year-old was in Toronto to promote her sophomore album Echo.

Government inspecting zoo's grizzly pen after near escape

ANIMALS In response to media reports that a grizzly bear nearly broke out of its pen at the Toronto Zoo earlier this week, the Ministry of Labour is inspecting working conditions at the zoo.

Samson, the zoo's 1,000-pound male grizzly, ripped off the wooden palisades inside his caged enclosure Tuesday morning, exposing a two-foot hole in the ceiling, then pushing against a chain-link fence — his only barrier to freedom.

"Another hour and he would have been out," Tony Meuleman, a senior zookeeper in the Canadian pavilion who has been with the zoo for 31 years, said on Wednesday.

Zoo management, however, denied there was ever a threat the bear would escape. Chief operating officer Robin Hale characterized Meuleman's comments as "fear-mongering."

A spokesperson for the provincial labour ministry said an inspector was sent Thursday afternoon to ensure the zoo workplace is safe.

At night, Samson and his female companion, Shintay, are kept in adjoining caged yards — each about three metres across and nine metres deep — that includes separate concrete sleeping enclosures.

Meuleman told the Star that zookeepers have expressed concerns about the "incredibly unsafe" enclosure but zoo management has been reluctant to make upgrades.

Hale, however, said when zoo officials were informed of the bear's property rampage, they acted quickly to make repairs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Owner of two beloved Toronto pubs dead at 74

Patrick Quinn, owner of P.J. O'Brien's and the Irish Embassy Pub in downtown Toronto, died Monday from kidney failure at age 74. Quinn is remembered as a larger-than-life personality who welcomed employees each morning with a hug and kiss and would often buy rounds for regulars and first-time patrons alike. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Some flu shot clinics winding down

The time to roll up a sleeve to get an H1N1 flu shot is coming to an end at some public clinics in Ontario.

Some health units are seeing a drop in both H1N1 activity and demand for the swine flu shot and plan to wind down their mass vaccination clinics, even as the death toll from H1N1 rises in the province.

Other areas are adding clinics due to increased demand, while still others are transitioning clinics to now provide the seasonal flu shot.

Hamilton's last date for

Flu **Outbreak**

its mass H1N1 vaccination clinics will be Dec. 4, although residents can still get the swine flu shot from their family doctor or through the city's regular immunization clinics.

"We've seen a drop in the number of people visiting our clinics so we will be looking at the more traditional routes available for vaccinations such as family doctors and walk-in clinics," Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Hamilton's medical officer of health, said in a statement.

H1N1 activity is down in Hamilton, but officials still encourage people to get vaccinated, she said.

In Stratford, the Perth District Health Unit plans to close its public H1N1 clinics on Dec. 1.

Toronto Public Health is still seeing a steady stream of people wanting the flu shot. It will close two clinics on Sunday that have had a drop in attendance, but its eight other clinics will stay open until mid December.

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ANDREW WALLACE

Brian Sanchez , 5, gets an H1N1 flu vaccine from nurse Donald Corbiere at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre in Toronto last week.

Man acquitted in Creba case granted bail

COURT One of the four men acquitted this week of manslaughter in Jane Creba's Boxing Day 2005 slaying was granted bail Thursday on his outstanding charge of possessing one of the guns used in the shootout.

Provincial court Justice Ronald Boivin granted Andre Thompson $500 bail. He is to return next Thursday to deal with the firearms charge.

Creba, 15, was shot as she walked among shoppers on a packed Yonge Street.

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U of T **Making a splash**

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Swimmers from universities across Canada competed Thursday in the third annual University Cup swim meet at the U of T Varsity Pool. The event was a warm-up for this weekend's Canada Cup, in which more than 500 athletes are competing at the Etobicoke Olympium.

Retired Nortel employees' appeal for payments dismissed by court

BANKRUPTCY An Ontario court has dismissed an appeal from a union representing Nortel Networks, as well as laid off and retired workers who are seeking payments from the insolvent company.

Appeals court Judge Stephen Goudge wrote in his decision on Thursday that a collective labour agreement between Nortel and its union only applied to current employees at the company, and not retired workers.

The Canadian Auto Workers union and former Nortel employees had insisted that the agreement covered both the 45 current workers at the company, and those who were retired or were laid off. They argued that retired workers should receive termination and severance payments in addition to monthly retirement payments.

The dispute centres on Nortel's restructuring under bankruptcy protection laws in Canada and the United States and the company's financial obligations to employees it has laid off as it slowly winds up its operations.

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Downsizing

- Former employees who were let go in a downsizing that began in late 2008, and others that were laid off since the court filing in mid-January, have been fighting to get severance payments that had been part of their separation packages.

News in brief

MURDER Matthew Daly was a vocal participant in a "humiliating and disrespectful" confrontation with three men ejected from a posh Burlington graduation party hours before Daly was beaten to death.

Three Ontario Court of Appeal judges said this week the Crown believes Daly's death was a "revenge killing" in retaliation for the ejection earlier the night of May 18, 2001. The judges made the comments Wednesday in upholding the committal of five men to trial on first degree murder charges. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Accident shuts down Highway 401

A truck accident shut down a stretch of westbound Highway 401 in eastern Ontario early Thursday. A tractor trailer rolled at about 4:30 a.m. between Maitland and Prescott, but the driver wasn't injured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Murder case goes to jury

After hearing from 27 witnesses and being presented with 300 exhibits, jurors will soon decide if Nicola Puddicombe is guilty of masterminding the grisly axe murder of Dennis Hoy, her boyfriend of 11 years.

For the last two days of her first-degree murder trial, jurors heard the Crown and defence present their theories on who was responsible for delivering six blows to the head of the 36-year-old GO Transit special constable as he slept in Puddicombe's bed.

Crown attorney Tom Lissaman said in his closing submissions Wednesday that Puddicombe, 36, and her lesbian lover, Ashleigh Pechaluk, 25, were "entwined" in the plot, though Puddicombe was calling the shots. Pechaluk was acquitted by a jury in June.

Defence lawyer Richard Stern told jurors the reverse was true. Pechaluk was a younger-by-a-decade seductress who lured Puddicombe into her first same-sex relationship and quietly hatched the murderous plot behind her back.

But Lissaman portrayed Puddicombe as a master manipulator who cultivated a "sinister persona" of Hoy in order to instill fear, anger and desperation in Pechaluk.

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Nicola Puddicombe, left, and Ashleigh Pechaluk are seen in a handout photo.

Al Jazeera gets approval for English news channel

TV Al Jazeera's English-language news network will be coming soon to the cable and satellite dial after winning the approval of Canada's broadcast regulator.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission approved the Qatar-based network's application to be offered by digital cable and satellite service providers.

In the past, the regulator had hesitated to allow non-Canadian channels that competed with domestic services, but said its decision was in keeping with a policy of promoting a diversity of editorial points of view. It also did not impose the kind of surveillance of the network's content that it did on Al Jazeera's Arabic service in 2004.

Al Jazeera English is broadcast in 100 countries on television and via the Internet, and employs roughly 1,200 journalists, some of them Canadian. Managing director Tony Burman was former editor-in-chief at CBC News.

Groups such as the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada did not oppose the licence, but said they would remain vigilant to the content being broadcast. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Nip-tipping' trial gets underway

COURT The night of Sept. 17, 2007, began as a bout of "nip-tipping," when three pickup trucks loaded with Georgina Township youths planned to throw Asian fishermen into the waters of Simcoe Lake, a Newmarket court heard.

The violence that began around 2 a.m. at the "Blue Bridge" at Mossington Park, on the shores of Lake Simcoe, ended with several injuries. One of the fishermen, Shayne Berwick, still has to use a wheelchair and has permanent brain damage.

Trevor Middleton faces four counts of aggravated assault and two counts of criminal negligence causing bodily harm, for a wild late-night chase, in which Middleton is accused of ramming a Honda Civic repeatedly with his Ford F-150 truck, until the Civic smashed into a tree and ejected Berwick and another passenger.

Berwick's parents were among those who packed the courtroom as Middleton's trial began yesterday.

Assistant Crown attorney Amit Ghosh told the jury they would hear evidence that "nip-tipping" is a local racist term for attacks on Asian fishermen.

On the night that Berwick was injured, Ghosh said that Middleton led a group of 10 to 20 locals in three pickup trucks to the docks, where two fishermen were thrown into the water. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto **Turning into an accident**

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Shortly after noon, a tractor trailer hauling steel made a right turn from Victoria Park Avenue southbound to Gerrard Street East westbound pinning a Ford Escape between the trailer and the light standard. Neither driver appeared injured.

NDP against CAS office merging

SERVICES The New Democrats say a proposal to merge some of northern Ontario's struggling Children's Aid Societies would be a huge step backwards for communities who have fought for years to have their own agencies.

The government is trying to find a way to keep the Payukotayno James and Hudson Bay Family Services office open after it sent layoff notices to its 120 staff and warned it will close by mid-December unless it receives operating funds.

NDP critic Gilles Bisson says one option being considered is to merge Payukotayno child services and Centre Jeanne Sauve in Kapuskasing into larger organizations. Payukotayno serves First Nations and Jeanne Sauve serves Francophones.

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Traffic fatality's name released

Police have released the name of the 34-year-old man killed on the 401 Tuesday evening just west of Trenton. Vahid Ahmady-Joupary of Toronto died when his car rolled several times and he was thrown from the vehicle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teens embrace musicals

Glee, High School Musical have made 'theatre geeks' cool

In a basement studio, wannabe musical theatre stars sporting Uggs and Chuck Taylors shuffle their feet, smile through braces and deliver a dazzling rendition of A Little More Homework from the Broadway musical 13.

The tittering teenagers glance at each other nervously as someone hits a wrong note, and wide-eyed, they wait to see how the teacher will respond.

On this day, the "teacher" is Tony Award-winning Jason Robert Brown, who has written the song and knows every note, every key.

"This has no groove to it if you start belting it out," says Brown, in his fast-talking, shtick-dishing manner as he pokes fun at cracking voices and quivering notes.

"I'm not trying to be mean. Am I mean?" Brown asks, pausing.

"I'm mean!" he says declaratively to a room full of laughter, realizing his talk-now, think-later method may offend some.

The resurgence of musicals targeting teens has brought a new group of young, inspired, spotlight-searching fans to the genre.

From the popularity of the hit musical-theatre inspired television show Glee, to the massively popular tween sensation High School Musical, it seems the theatre geek is no longer lurking behind the curtains.

Brown was in Toronto briefly rehearsing with kids from the Toronto Youth Music Theatre Company as part of a performance with his band at the Glenn Gould Studio.

His own musical 13, which debuted on Broadway in 2008, focused on the trials and tribulations of a teenage boy about to celebrate his bar mitzvah after an abrupt move from New York City to Indiana.

The 39-year-old Brown is also considered part of a new generation of composers who appeals to a wider audience with edgy humour and pop-rock inspired music.

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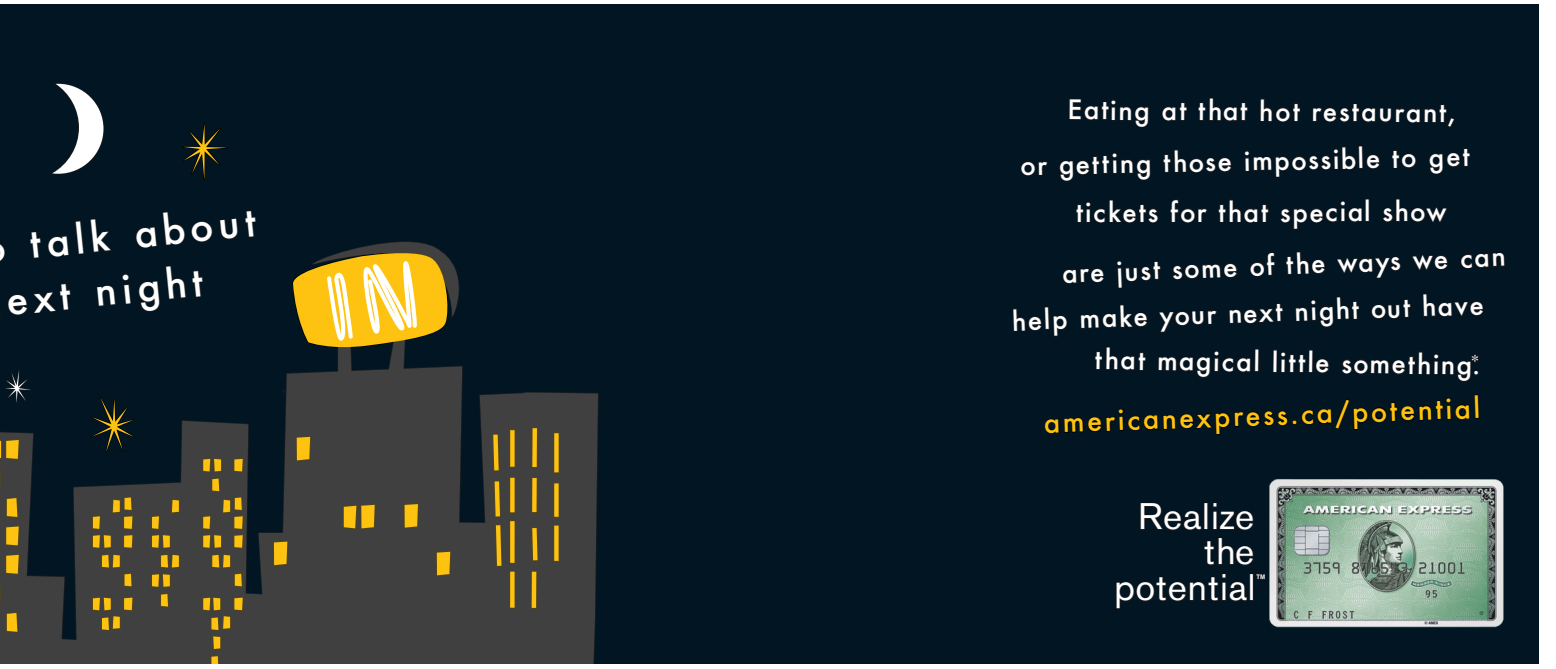
Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown was in Toronto recently working with a group of children from the Toronto Youth Music Theatre Company.



Grit MPP leaves post amid accident charge

POLITICS A provincial politician facing a charge of leaving the scene of an accident has officially stepped down from his duties as parliamentary assistant to the health minister.

Liberal Kuldip Kular was issued a traffic ticket in connection with an incident in Brampton last month that sent a pedestrian to hospital with minor injuries.

Police say that failing to remain at the scene of an accident isn't a criminal offence and if found guilty, he faces a fine.

A spokeswoman for the premier says Kular has stepped down to stay close to his riding of Bramalea-Gore-Malton.

Bas Balkissoon, who represents the riding of Scarborough-Rouge River, will take Kular's place.

Police say Kular, 60, was driving around 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 when a 39-year-old man was struck in an accident in which the pedestrian had the right of way.

Witnesses told investigators they saw the driver get out of a silver sedan and speak to the victim before taking off, leaving the pedestrian with a cut on his forearm and bruises all over his body.

Kular, a doctor by profession, also serves on the standing committee on general government.

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Thousands of Muslims set to celebrate Eid Al-Adha

RELIGION Offering personal sacrifices to make a significant difference in the lives of many is at the heart of a massive celebration of faith taking place in the city.

On Friday, an estimated 12,000 Muslims are expected at Exhibition Place to celebrate Eid Al-Adha, which commemorates the end of hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

"These celebrations are intended to be enjoyed as a community, families coming together," said Ahmad Attia, event co-ordinator for the Eid Festival.

In September, a similar event to commemorate the end of Ramadan attracted more than 14,000 people, he said.

Attia said one goal was to make Friday's event accessible, so admission is free. The day will begin with prayers and speeches and will finish with a carnival and bazaar. Tickets to the bazaar are $10, or $5 for young children, he said. Attendees are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Daily Bread Food bank to distribute to families in need across the GTA. Among those planning to bring food is Rayah Mian, 12.

"Most people don't understand that they have more than other people," said the Grade 8 student. Mian intended to gather a collection of food from her parents' pantry and a local store. "People take advantage of what they have. It would be nice if they gave back to the poor."

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Event background

- Friday's celebration also commemorates the Qur'an's account of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismael as a sign of devotion. At the last minute, God allows a lamb to be used in place of Ibrahim's son. In celebration, community members can donate funds towards the ceremonial slaughter of an animal. Event co-ordinator Ahmad Attia said the meat will go to families in need in Toronto.

Man guilty for terrorist hoax calls

COURT A Mississauga man who pleaded guilty to making hoax terrorist calls has been sentenced to 12 months in jail.

Members of the Ontario Integrated National Security Enforcement Team arrested Justin Dillon, 34, on April 2, 2008.

He pleaded guilty in a Brampton court last June.

Dillon was accused of placing several phone calls to Toronto Crime Stoppers, Toronto police and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in New Jersey. The caller reported that a terrorist group was planning to blow up a mall in New Jersey.

The calls resulted in a significant police response involving several agencies.

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Alberta rakes in millions from property linked to crimes

The Alberta government has raked in over $11 million dollars over the last year from the cars, cash and real estate it has seized from people linked to crime. Attorney General Alison Redford says legislation passed in 2008, which allows the government to seize such property, is doing what it was supposed to do. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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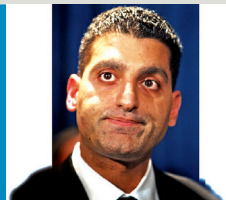

Probe clears Windsor mayor

The mayor of Windsor, Ont., did nothing wrong by meeting his Detroit counterpart, who was facing criminal charges at the time, the city's integrity commissioner said Thursday. In clearing Mayor Eddie Francis, left, who had denounced the complaint as "frivolous," Earl Basse said he would review the city's code of conduct with a view to preventing similar complaints. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff speaks about the environment Thursday at Laval University in Quebec City.

Ignatieff unveils climate plan

GRITS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has unveiled a climate-change plan that doesn't include any targets for greenhouse-gas emissions but instead seeks to keep the temperature of the planet in check.

With the start of the UN convention on climate change in Copenhagen just days away, most nations are basing their climate-change plans on meeting emissions targets by a certain date.

The Liberals' wide-ranging proposal, presented Thursday in Quebec City, takes a global approach, aiming to keep the planet's temperature from warming by another two degrees Celsius before 2050.

It also includes a cap-and-trade system that would reward green businesses and punish polluters, and Ignatieff hopes his plan might eventually be integrated into a continental system with the U.S.

Environment Minister Jim Prentice pounced to deride the Liberal plan as an empty shell.

"It has no target in it whatsoever, so I don't know how one could call it a plan under any stretch of the imagination," he said in Ottawa after question period. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM to attend climate talks

Change of heart after Obama decides to head to Denmark

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has changed course and will attend a United Nations conference next month with some 65 other world leaders, despite asserting no global deal on climate change is imminently achievable.

The Conservative government has consistently played down expectations for the Copenhagen conference, where it was hoped the global community would agree on a post-2012 accord to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

Earlier this month, Danish Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen formally invited 191 government leaders and heads of state to Denmark to push along the negotiations for a successor treaty to the Kyoto Protocol.

But the entreaties were rebuffed by Harper — at least until Washington announced Wednesday that U.S. President Barack Obama would be stopping in on the conference next month.

Within 24 hours, Harper spokesman Dimitri Soudas announced the prime minister had decided to attend Copenhagen because a "critical mass" of leaders is now going.

Obama will attend Day 3 of the Dec. 7-18 conference, not the leaders' segment slated for the final two days. That has some environmental activists criticizing what they say will simply be an Obama photo-op in Copenhagen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leaders

- Other leaders expected to attend the climate-change conference in Copenhagen include British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.

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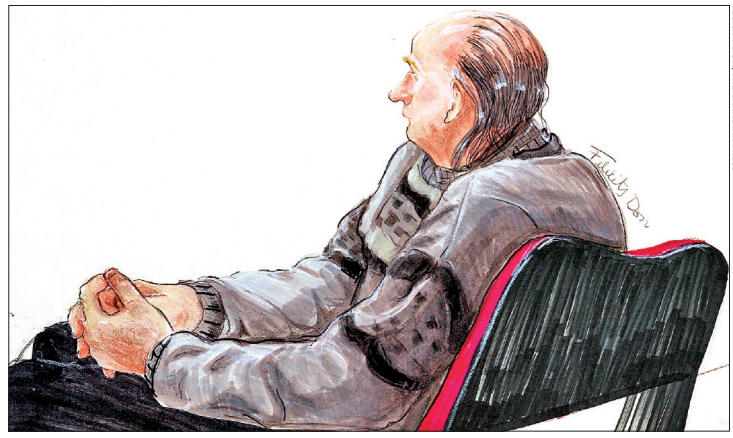
Wild ponies get some protection

Saskatchewan has passed a law to protect wild ponies in the province's northwest. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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An artist drawing of serial killer Robert Pickton listening to the guilty verdict handed to him by B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007. The Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday it will hear an appeal from serial killer Robert Pickton over the trial judge's instructions to the jury which convicted him of six murders.

Court agrees to hear wider Pickton appeal

Decision expands possibilities for new trial

The Supreme Court of Canada has opened the door to a wider appeal for serial killer Robert Pickton, expanding the chances of a new trial for the B.C. man convicted in the gruesome murders of six women.

The high court announced Thursday that it will hear the expanded appeal, allowing Pickton's lawyers more legal grounds to argue that his convictions should be overturned when the case is heard in March of next year.

Normally, they would have been limited to the grounds that were subject of a dissenting view at the lower appeal court level.

Life in prison

- If Robert Pickton's appeal is successful, he could win a new trial. As usual, the high court made no comment on its ruling.
- Pickton was sentenced to life in prison with no parole for at least 25 years in 2007 in the deaths of six women who vanished from Vancouver's seedy Downtown Eastside.

In a two-to-one decision last June, the B.C. Court of Appeal rejected Pickton's bid for a new trial. But the dissenting judge said because the trial judge didn't provide the jury with an instruction of aiding and abetting — and how it applied to the Pickton case — there was a miscarriage of justice.

The dissenting opinion, by Justice Ian Donald, gave Pickton an automatic right of appeal to the country's highest court on the grounds he found in dispute.

But Pickton's lawyers asked the Supreme Court of Canada to go beyond the dissenting reasons, and consider if the trial judge made mistakes in both instructing the jury and in not clarifying the meaning of a question the jury posed to the judge during deliberations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Journalist, family reunited in Kenya

Freed after 15 tortuous months in captivity in Somalia, Canadian freelancer Amanda Lindhout and another foreign journalist arrived Thursday in neighbouring Kenya amid claims that a $700,000 ransom was paid for their release.

Lindhout and Australian photographer Nigel Brennan flew out of the Somali capital of Mogadishu in a chartered plane, said Somalia's National Security Minister Mohamed Abdullahi.

Canada's ambassador to Kenya said the pair was receiving medical care in the capital city of Nairobi.

Lindhout

"They are receiving the best possible care they can," Ross Hynes told The Associated Press. He declined to give more details.

Sarah Geddes, a spokesperson for Lindhout's family, said the journalists have been safely reunited with family members already in Nairobi.

"Amanda's parents are overjoyed and request continued privacy for the family while they focus on Amanda and her transition back to normal life," the spokesperson said.

"They will return to Canada as soon as Amanda is fit to fly home." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concessions brighten outlook for LaPresse

Montreal La Presse took a pair of major steps toward resolving a labour dispute Thursday, which likely ensures the survival of the 125-year-old newspaper.

North America's biggest French-language broadsheet said in a statement it had reached a tentative deal with the last of its eight unions, the one representing distribution employees.

The union representing editorial staff then announced later in the day its members had voted massively in favour of their deal — with a 93 per cent approval rate.

Other employees will vote in the next few days.

The newspaper had threatened earlier this month to close its doors on Dec. 1 if it could not get concessions from the unions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Seafood processor gets some help
The Nova Scotia government has given a $2.5 million loan guarantee to seafood processor, D. B. Kenney Fisheries Ltd. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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David Mulroney, Canadian Ambassador to China, prepares to testify in Ottawa on Thursday to a commons special committee on Afghanistan hearing witnesses on the transfer of Afghan detainees.

Afghan abuse claims known: Top official

No way to monitor transferees, Mulroney says

Federal officials were well aware of allegations of abuse in Afghan jails even as the Canadian military was handing over prisoners in 2006, Canada's former top man on Afghanistan says.

The testimony by David Mulroney to a House of Commons committee Thursday supports a key aspect of whistle-blowing diplomat Richard Colvin's claim, and clarifies an important point in the controversy over the detainee issue.

Opposition parties and human rights advocates have been asking why the government continued to turn over prisoners when it knew of abuse in Afghan prisons.

The Harper government has defended itself by arguing there was no credible evidence of torture until 2007, when it changed the transfer system.

But Mulroney, now ambassador to China, suggested there was indeed evidence of torture — just not involving Canadian transferees.

"The fact that there were allegations of mistreatment in Afghan prisons was known to us," said Mulroney, who headed the Privy Council's Afghanistan task force.

"There was no mention specifically of Canadian-transferred prisoners — that was a deficiency that we later cleared up."

He also acknowledged there was no way to get credible evidence about abuse of Canadian transferees because there was no proper monitoring of prisoners prior to 2007.

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Transfer protocol

- Mulroney said that in 2006, with Canadian troops facing heavy fighting, the situation was so "chaotic" that it took until 2007 to put a new prisoner transfer protocol in place.

No more 'all-you-can-eat' for Alta.

The Alberta government is pushing ahead with deep budget cuts as it struggles to reduce a record deficit — an unfamiliar diet after a decade of spending fuelled by booming energy royalties.

"We were at the all-you-can-eat buffet for 10 years and Albertans were lined up with us," Treasury Board president Lloyd Snelgrove said Thursday in Calgary.

"I can tell you going forward, it is not going to happen again."

$2B The amount Treasury Board president Lloyd Snelgrove said will be trimmed from next year's budget — split between programs cuts and fewer building projects.

The second-quarter fiscal update released Thursday pegs Alberta's deficit this year at $4.3 billion, down significantly from early projections of nearly $7 billion.

Most of the turnaround is linked to a $3-billion increase in forecasted revenues since the first quarter. The extra money is coming from higher oil prices and a boost in corporate income tax and investment returns.

The update also outlines vague "value review" savings of $430 million from hiring freezes and cuts to discretionary spending for most government departments. Finance officials didn't provide specifics.

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Man arrested in 2006 N.L. spending scandal

Police in Newfoundland and Labrador have arrested the owner of a company allegedly involved in the province's legislative spending scandal.

In June 2006, the province's auditor general alleged that $2.7 million in public money was misappropriated to buy a range of items including refrigerator magnets, key chains and lapel pins.

John Hand, a 68-year-old St. John's resident who police say operated Zodiac Agencies and is associated with two other companies linked to the scandal, was arrested last week, the police force said in a statement Thursday.

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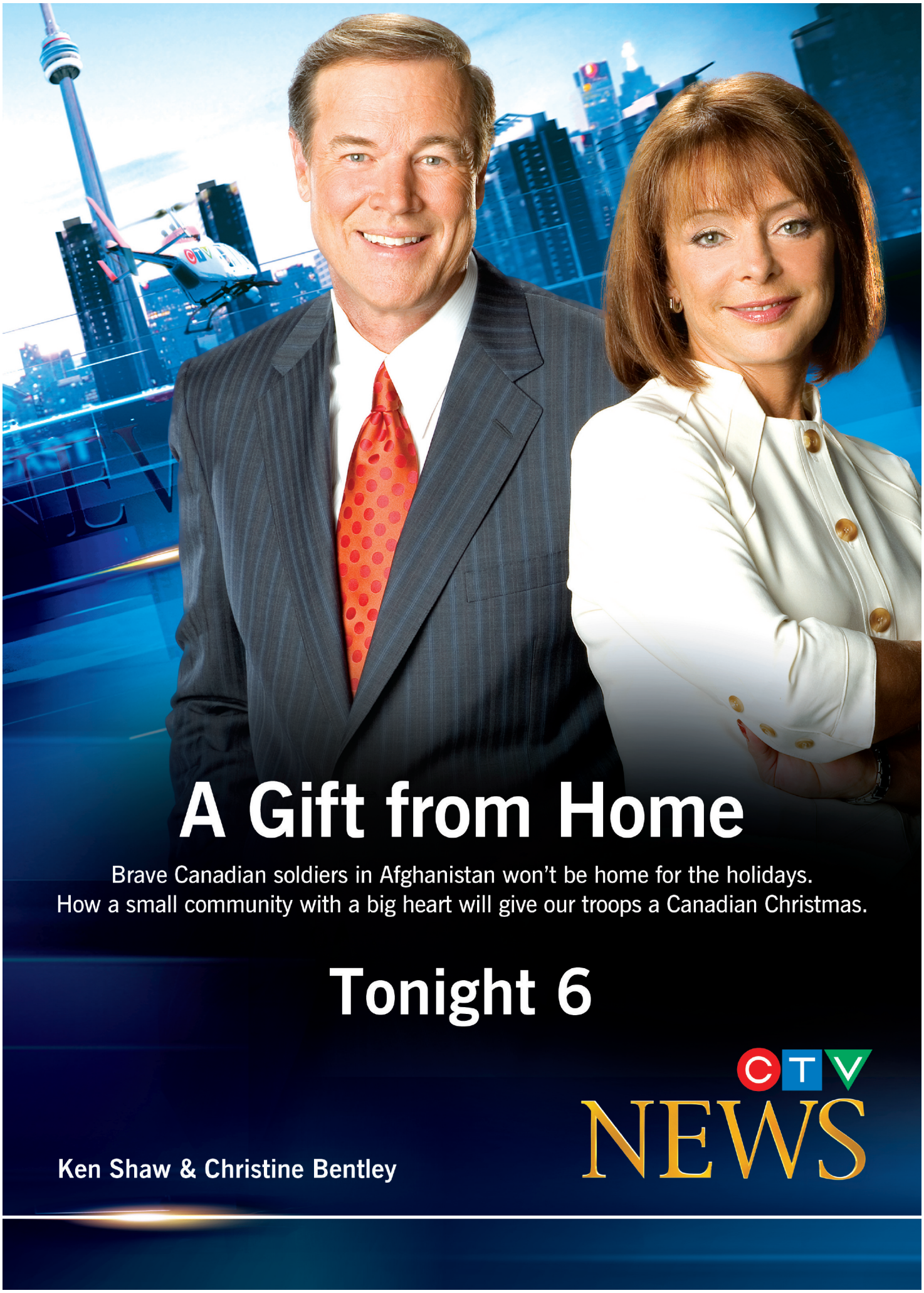
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Thunder Bay teens busted for auto break-and-enter
Two teens have been arrested after police in Thunder Bay, Ont., alleged they tried to break into an unmarked police vehicle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec City **Inquiry demands**

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Quebec Opposition Leader Pauline Marois, sitting, is applauded by caucus members after once again demanding a public inquiry into the construction industry Thursday at the legislature in Quebec City. Agnes Maltais, left, and Stephane Bedard, right, applaud.

News in brief

INDUSTRY Canadian steel producers applauded a preliminary decision by Ottawa to slap a duty on Chinese steel imports, but reaction to a similar move by the U.S. indicates Canadian-Chinese trade relations could suffer as a result.

RELIGION The dissident congregations of four Vancouver-area Anglican churches may have to find somewhere else to worship. The B.C. Supreme Court has ruled their churches belong to the Anglican Church of Canada and they can't claim the properties while they adhere to a bishop based in Central America.

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Outlook on economy bleak, survey says

Consumer confidence low, job security worries high

Canadians are becoming more pessimistic over the strength of the economic recovery and what it will mean for their finances and job security, a new consumer confidence survey shows.

The monthly Conference Board of Canada survey shows even as economists say they think the recession has ended, many Canadians are not so sure, with job worries a key concern.

Adding to those worries Thursday, two of Canada's best-known companies, Montreal-based industrial giant Bombardier Inc. and cellphone and cable TV operator Rogers Communications, revealed they are cutting more than 1,600 jobs between them.

Those cuts come in the wake of widespread restructuring that has already cost thousands of jobs in the automotive and forestry industries, two key industrial sectors hit hard by the recession and slumping demand.

Consumer confidence normally bubbles during good times, but the November Conference Board survey of 2,000 people finds that confidence dropped 5.7 points to 79, well below the readings of about 100 observed before the recession struck a year ago.

On the jobs front Thursday, Rogers confirmed it will lay off three per cent of its workforce — about 900 people, mostly in management positions, as the company copes with tougher competition, especially in its wireless business.

At Bombardier, the Montreal aircraft maker and rail transit manufacturer is cutting 715 jobs at a Montreal area aircraft plant as the company reduces production of its CRJ regional jets.

The cuts are in addition to 4,360 layoffs previously announced this fiscal year for Bombardier's worldwide operations.

The November survey found only 19.7 per cent of the respondents expected to find more jobs available over the next six months, down 3.2 points from October.

As well, 25 per cent of those surveyed said they believe fewer jobs will be on offer.

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Job loss

- The biggest worry is over job security, not a surprising finding given that more than 400,000 workers have lost jobs in the past year, including 43,000 in October, the last month for which data is available. The national jobless rate is now 8.6 per cent.

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Toyota Canada Inc. said Thursday an investigation into potential problems with its floor mats that forced a recall of four million vehicles in the United States does not affect its Canadian vehicles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The right prescription

More doctors practising in Canada, report says

The doctor is in — all over Canada.

A new report shows that the number of practising doctors has increased over the last five years.

And the rate of the increase is greater than the rate of population growth.

Dr. Cal Gutkin, executive director and CEO of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, says it's a start in the right direction.

It shows, he says, Canada has woken up in the last few years to the fact that there's a significant shortage of physicians.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information report says there were 65,440 active physicians in Canada in 2008, up from 60,612 in 2004.

That's an eight per cent increase across the country, while the Canadian population grew by 4.3 per cent.

Yvonne Rosehart, program lead of health human resources at the institute, says there has been a sharp increase in the number of students enrolled in medical schools.

And Rosehart says if everything stays on track, it could mean more doctors in the Canadian health-care system in the future. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Looking healthy

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The cells pumped out a healing liquid scientists are working to understand.

"That healing liquid seems to boost the power of healthy lung cells and helps them to repair the lungs," said Thebaud,

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Heparin products to lose potency: Health Canada

HEALTH Health Canada is informing Canadians who use the blood thinner heparin that certain heparin products will soon undergo a reduction in potency.

The department says recent changes to heparin manufacturing standards in the United States will lead to a potency decrease in some products of about 10 per cent.

Heparin is a common anti-clotting drug mainly used in health-care settings such as hospitals.

Most heparin products on the Canadian market use the same potency standard as is used in the U.S., so the changes there will affect products in this country, too.

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Harder to come home

The Harper government introduced legislation Thursday to make it tougher for Canadians jailed abroad to serve out their sentences in Canada.

Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan said: "Right now, the law emphasizes the interests of the criminal. We are rebalancing that law to take into account the interests of Canadian society."

> **"We are rebalancing that law to take into account the interests of Canadian society."**
> Peter Van Loan

The new criteria would include whether a prisoner's return could threaten the safety of victims, family members or children.

"I believe there are sexual offenders or murderers or other types of offenders (who) could represent such a threat," Van Loan said.

He said there are now 241 applications for transfers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The new rules

Prisoners wanting a transfer to a Canadian jail would have to satisfy the government that:

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Capt. Mike Fallis comforts a cat belonging to owner Amanda Mackey, pictured. The feline was removed from an apartment below a roof that partially collapsed in downtown Peterborough. No injuries were reported.

When a teacher makes no sense

EDUCATION A new report says millions of children all over the world are missing out on an education because their schools teach in a language they don't understand.

According to the study by Save The Children an estimated 221 million children worldwide are not able to learn in a language they speak at home.

In Canada, the challenges facing native Canadian languages are manifested in a different context.

The Innu communities of Quebec and Labrador, for example, rightfully fear their language, Innu-aimun, will become extinct, the report says.

Pre-school and primary education are important places for children to learn about their identity, history and culture, but materials in their mother-tongue are generally not available.

The report says that prevents children and youth from connecting with their language and culture in school.

Helen Pinnock of Save The Children says not being able to understand the language used for teaching is a major reason why children drop out of school or fail to do well.

She says it contributes to millions of children "missing out on a decent education simply because they can't speak the school language." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Yes to border guards, no to guns

AKWESASNE A survey of Akwesasne residents suggests they want Canadian border guards to return to Cornwall Island in eastern Ontario — but not with guns.

Nearly three-quarters of the 1,500 people polled by the community council want the Canada Border Services Agency operations back on Cornwall Island. But 60 per cent said the guards should not be armed.

Residents have long argued arming guards would lead to increased tension and would violate their sovereignty.

A protest led to the closure of the Cornwall border for six weeks this summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Russian cop arrested after man dies

Russian investigators say they have arrested a police officer in St. Petersburg suspected of beating to death a man he detained over a minor infraction. A statement Thursday said the man died in a hospital on Nov. 12, 10 days after the policeman kicked him several times in the stomach. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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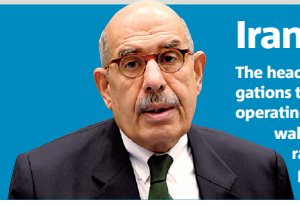

Iran nuclear probe at 'dead end'

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Thursday that his probe of allegations that Iran tried to make nuclear arms is at "a dead end" because Tehran is not cooperating, and he warned that confidence in the Iranian government had shrunk in the wake of its belated revelation of a previously secret nuclear facility. Mohamed ElBaradei, left, also criticized Tehran for not accepting an internationally endorsed plan meant to delay its ability to make such weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former rebel favoured to win

SOUTH AMERICA Uruguay's likely next president tried to lead an armed revolution as a young man, hiding in sewers, killing a police officer and twice escaping prison through elaborately dug tunnels.

Polls suggest Jose Mujica — now 74 and committed to working within the democratic system — will easily win Sunday, keeping the centre-left Broad Front coalition in power. Crime and abortion have been major campaign themes.

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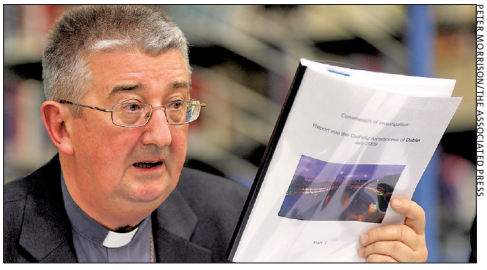
Revelations rock Ireland

Report says church covered up decades of child abuse

Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland covered up decades of child abuse by priests in order to protect the church's reputation, an expert commission reported Thursday after a three-year investigation.



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Archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin yesterday said no words of apology will ever be sufficient to the victims of child abuse.

Abuse victims welcomed the commission's report on the Dublin Archdiocese's mishandling of child abuse cases — one of several government investigations into chronic child rape, beatings and other cruelty in Catholic-run schools, children's workhouses and orphanages from 1975 to 2004.

The government said the investigation "shows clearly that a systemic, calculated perversion of power and trust was visited on helpless and innocent children in the archdiocese."

This is the second major government-ordered report this year exploring why authorities permitted widespread abuse of boys and girls at the hands of the Catholic Church throughout most of the 20th century, the gravest scandal in the history of independent Ireland. The report rejected past bishops' key claim that they were ignorant of both the scale and criminality of priests' abuse of children, showing that the Dublin Archdiocese negotiated a 1987 insurance policy for future legal costs of defending lawsuits and compensation claims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran confiscates Nobel medal in 'shocking' move

NORWAY Iranian authorities have confiscated Nobel Peace laureate Shirin Ebadi's medal, the Norwegian government said Thursday, accusing Iran of a shocking first in the history of the prize.

Norwegian authorities were told that Ebadi's medal was seized "within the last week or so" from a safe-deposit box in Iran along with personal effects including the diploma awarded with the medal, the Foreign Ministry said. Ebadi, a human rights lawyer, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her efforts in promoting democracy.

She has long faced harassment from Iranian authorities for her activities — including a raid on her office last year in which files were confiscated. The seizure of the Norweigan award is an expression of the Iranian government's increasingly harsh approach to anyone it considers an opponent — particularly since massive protests that erupted following the disputed June 12 presidential election.

Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Stoere called the move "shocking" and said it was "the first time a Nobel Peace Prize has been confiscated by national authorities." The Iranian Embassy in Norway refrained from commenting.

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Effectively in exile

- Shrin Ebadi was out of Iran at the time of this summer's disputed election and has not returned since, saying she is "in an effective state of exile."

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U.S. Thanksgiving **Muppet takes Manhattan**

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The Kermit the Frog, Energizer Bunny and Turkey floats are guided across Central Park South during the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Thursday in New York City.

Mayor turns himself in, denies role in massacre

Under threat of military attack, the leader of the clan suspected in the slaughter of 57 people in the southern Philippines turned himself in Thursday, and prosecutors say he will face murder charges in the country's worst election violence ever.

Andal Ampatuan Jr., a town mayor, maintains he had nothing to do with the ambush of a convoy carrying his political rival's family, supporters and at least 22 journalists. Their bodies — mowed down by point-blank shots and some hacked up — were found in mass graves hastily dug by a backhoe. Some were buried with their vehicles.

The baby-faced 41-year-old is heir to the Ampatuan kingdom in impoverished and lawless Maguindanao province, where they have ruled for years with a reputation for ruthlessness that led few to dare to challenge them.

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Andal Ampatuan Jr. is escorted by police in Manila Thursday.

Asked if he was involved in the killings, Ampatuan, who tried to hide his face with a scarf, replied: "There is no truth to that. The reason I came out is to prove that I am not hiding and that I am not guilty."

As a helicopter carrying Ampatuan took off later, shots rang out but the aircraft was not hit. It wasn't clear who fired them.

Chief state prosecutor Jovencito Zuno said he has instructed his staff to work overnight to prepare charges against Ampatuan. He is the only suspect named by police so far.

Zuno said he expects Ampatuan, who was brought to Manila, to be charged with multiple counts of murder Friday in southern Cotabato city, which is closest to the massacre site. The trial will take place in the capital for security reasons.

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News in brief

BAGHDAD Iraq's prime minister on Thursday vowed there will be no delay in the withdrawal of U.S. troops despite an Iraqi political dispute that is expected to force a January vote to be postponed. In an interview, however, Nouri al-Maliki warned that the dispute threatens national security and he harshly criticized Tariq al-Hashemi, a Sunni Arab vice-president who vetoed a key election law.

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Threat to democracy?
A media watchdog is warning that government-influenced Russian TV hampers democracy if used as a propaganda tool. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Muslim pilgrims holding white umbrellas against the blazing sun clambered up a rocky desert hill for prayers Thursday during the annual hajj, a day after torrential rains killed at least 77 people.

Rainfall takes toll on pilgrims

Muslim pilgrims holding white umbrellas against the blazing sun clambered up a rocky desert hill for prayers Thursday during the annual hajj, a day after torrential rains killed at least 77 people.

Flooding from the unusually heavy downpours hit hardest in the Red Sea coastal city of Jiddah, about 60 kilometres away from the holy city of Mecca and its surrounding sacred sites where the three million Muslims from around the world were performing the rites of the pilgrimage.

Most of the deaths occurred in the shantytowns around Jiddah and along the main highway to Mecca, populated by poorer, foreign immigrants who work in the city as drivers, construction workers and domestic help.

Wednesday's downpours snarled the opening day of the hajj, drenching pilgrims and knocking out roads that caused epic traffic jams as the faithful tried to make their way to the holy sites.

But skies cleared for most of Thursday, and the heat rose. Saudi Arabia's biggest worry for months has been swine flu. The pilgrimage is one of the most crowded events in the world, with Muslims from every corner of the globe packed shoulder to shoulder in prayers and rites — a perfect incubator for the virus.

The Saudi government has been working with the United States' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to set up clinics and take precautions to stem any outbreak. The rains came as an added difficulty.

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Winter rains

- It often rains in Mecca and Jiddah during the winter months, but Wednesday's downpour was the heaviest in years during the hajj. Jiddah was swamped with 2.76 inches of rain, more than it would normally get in an entire year.

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Ex-president banned from election

Haiti's electoral council banned exiled former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide from running in next year's legislative elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some serious nerve

Virginia couple crash White House state dinner

Michaele and Tareq Salahi like a good party, and maybe that's why the couple from Virginia's horse country didn't look out of place at a White House state dinner Tuesday.

They were all smiles as they rubbed shoulders with U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty and CBS News anchor Katie Couric. No one suspected the Salahis were a couple of brazen party crashers — and wannabe reality TV stars.

The Secret Service is looking into its security procedures after determining the couple managed to slip into Tuesday night's event, even though they were not on the guest list, agency spokesman Ed Donovan said.

U.S. President Barack Obama was never in any danger because the Salahis went through the same security screening for weapons as the 300-plus guests who were actually invited to the dinner honouring Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The Secret Service learned about the security breach Wednesday after a media inquiry prompted by the Salahis' online boasts about having attended the private event.

The Salahis are well-known in the Virginia horse-country set and were being considered for the Bravo reality TV show Real Housewives of D.C. In an interview with CBS' Early Show in September, Michaele Salahi said: "President Obama has made it very accessible for anyone to visit the White House, so that's like a big thing right now."

Uninvited guests who got in could face a potential trespassing charge unless someone from inside the White House staff slipped them in. Edward Donovan, a Secret Service spokesman, would not comment on possible legal violations.

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A UN food agency says climate change could push more people into hunger in the Pacific islands by ruining crops and forests and damaging the fish industry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Black Friday stories, not sales

A national oral history project is trying to start a new tradition for Black Friday. Instead of hunting for bargains, StoryCorps suggests families sit down together and talk about their lives on a National Day of Listening.

Amanda Rigell, a 30-year-old middle school teacher from Johnson City, Tenn., interviewed her grandmother, who was 89 at the time, for the first National Day of Listening last year.

"She was reluctant at first," Rigell said. "She doesn't really talk about herself." But then she talked for more than two and a half hours.

"She talked about her early education. She went to a tiny little school. And she talked about drinking fresh milk from a cow. I guess that shouldn't have surprised me, but it did," Rigell said.

Rigell recorded the interview on her computer and plans to give copies as Christmas presents.

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National Day of Listening

- StoryCorps is a non-profit project that seeks to preserve the stories of ordinary people. Amanda Rigell first learned about it when she heard some of those stories broadcast on public radio during her morning commute. She had already interviewed two people at StoryCorps recording booths when she and her father decided to interview her grandmother at home.

Dubai CN Tower tallest for now

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Rising high among the towers in Business Bay, Burj Dubai, the world's tallest tower, which is still under construction, is scheduled to open in January 2010 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. In a brief statement Wednesday, Dubai's government said its main development engine, Dubai World, would ask creditors for a "standstill," and to delay maturity of its $60-billion debt until at least May 2010.

Greek farmers not feeling so peachy

Protesting peach farmers blocked a major highway in northern Greece to press for higher subsidies.

Greek police said farmers parked more than 130 tractors on the highway near Veria, about 75 kilometres west of Thessaloniki, disrupting traffic on a major east-west thoroughfare.

The protesters said Thursday they will keep up the blockade until the government increases subsidy payments so they can sell their produce at prices higher than current loss-making rates.

Greek farmers frequently block roads to press for government subsidies.

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People hold candles in front of the Taj Mahal Hotel Thursday to honour those killed one year ago.

Mumbai mourns

A year after the attacks that killed 166 people, thousands gathered in the streets of Mumbai on Thursday to mourn.

Crowds pooled at the Gateway of India — a popular tourist attraction on the waterfront — pledging unity and vigilance. Some called for death by public hanging for Ajmal Kasab, the lone surviving gunman who is standing trial in Mumbai.

In a show of solidarity, nearly 3,700 people came to donate blood at Chhatrapati Shivaji train terminal, where 58 people died and 104 were injured. "I can't fight terrorists, but I can do this," said student Kaustubh Panat, 21, as he lay with a needle in his arm. "It's my honour."

Others spent the day struggling with private grief. "This is the place of my children. I feel like I am completing the circle," said Shimon Rosenberg, 60, as he sat in the room in a Jewish centre where his daughter, Rivkah Holtzberg, and her husband, Gavriel, were killed. They were among six who died at the Chabad House.

Rosenberg is now taking care of their child, Moshe. "He often says, 'Where is my father? Where is my mother?'" Rosenberg said. "I tell him 'your father and mother are with God.' He says, 'I want to go, too.'"

On Wednesday, Pakistan charged seven men implicated in the Mumbai attacks, its first indictments in a long-delayed trial that India and the U.S. see as a test of Islamabad's willingness to prosecute those responsible.

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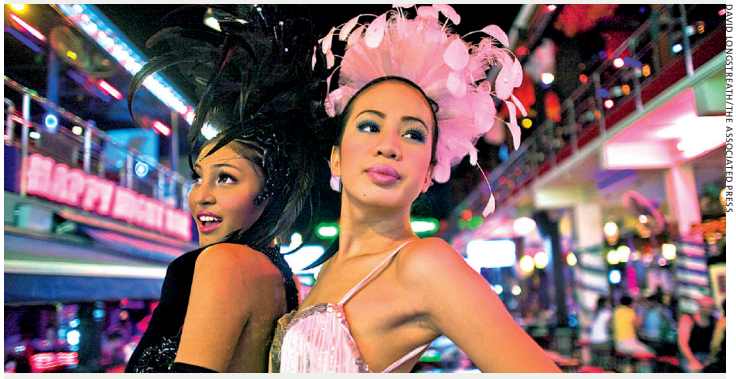
Thailand **Not so fast ...**



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In this 2008 file photo, Thai transvestite dancers watch tourists in Phuket. Thailand has issued rules making sex-change surgery more difficult, including a requirement that potential candidates cross-dress for a year, over fears that some patients are rushing into the operation, a medical association said Thursday.

China eyes carbon cut

CLIMATE China promised Thursday to slow its carbon emissions, saying it would nearly halve the ratio of pollution to GDP over the next decade — a big move by the world's largest emitter, whose co-operation is crucial to any deal as a global climate summit nears.

Beijing's voluntary pledge comes a day after U.S. President Barack Obama promised the U.S. would lay out plans at the summit to substantially cut its own greenhouse gas emissions. Together, the announcements are building momentum for next month's meeting in Copenhagen.

But environmental experts warned that China's plan does not commit it to reducing emissions — and they will in fact continue to increase, though at a slower rate.

China has pledged to cut "carbon intensity," a measure of carbon dioxide emissions per unit of gross domestic product, by 40 to 45 per cent by 2020, compared with levels in 2005.

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Comment

Councillors can learn from the past

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City hall can learn, can't it? Forty years ago, a developer wanted to tear down two dozen 19th-century houses on Sherbourne Street south of Gerrard Street, and replace them with two 30-storey towers. It took some citizen muscle, but in 1973, city council said no to that approach.

Instead, council bought the site, agreed to save all but one of the houses, and built a seven-storey apartment building behind the houses along the rear laneway.

Presto: The heritage structures were saved (including the 1845 home of Enoch Taylor, who sponsored the first public school in the city) and there were as many housing units in this redevelopment as there would have been in the two apartment towers. City council proved that to intensify you didn't need to demolish and build highrises. You could reuse the past to accommodate the present.

That redevelopment on Sherbourne was the beginning of a whole new way of bringing change to a city — build onto the past, don't try to totally replace it.

Now, the city faces the same kind of opportunity two blocks to the west, on George Street south of Gerrard. A developer is proposing to redevelop Seaton House, the city's largest shelter for men, and a city committee has agreed in principle to the proposal, which calls for clearing the site and starting over. The eight heritage houses on the site won't be saved, nor will the large 19th-century schoolhouse, nor any part of the Seaton House, built in the 1950s.

That's a mistake. The lesson is that we need to build onto the past, not wipe it out and hope we can do better. The city is more interesting, developments more imaginative, and neighbourhoods more resilient when architects and developers work with the past and restore the dignity of existing structures.

There's no good reason why the redevelopment of Seaton House can't be based on these good lessons. It's not too late to get it right.

City councillors can learn from the past, can't they?

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Views

Radicalism and racism: Polarities to avoid

InStep

Christine Williams

With news of the Fort Hood rampage in Texas and the revamped Canadian citizenship guide warning newcomers that "barbaric cultural practices" will not be tolerated, conflicting debates about terrorism and our expectations in the West are once again active and will continue to be until we collectively confront the two menacing forces of radicalism and racism.

Both of these variables are alive and well and should invoke a deep horror. Yet those who persistently deny the reality of any one of these insidious evils do so to the peril of our society as a whole.

So let's start with racism. Labelling and stigmatizing people lead to deep divisions within a society and facilitate a hostile environment, not conducive to the positive growth of an increasingly diverse civilization. Many Muslims have been on the receiving end of stigmatization. We need to be clear that the vast majority of Muslims in the West are peace loving. Muslims who regularly attend mosque and read the Qur'an should not automatically translate into our minds as enemies of our democracy.

In fact, moderate Muslims are referred to as apostates by radical groups and they understand the threat of extremist zeal even more than non-Muslims. So we need to think twice before exercising discrimination on all people of the Muslim faith.

It is only those Muslims who embrace a militant and extreme ideology rooted in Salafism that we need to be concerned about. Salafism is often used interchangeably with Wahabbism and, in its most extreme form, calls for jihad by the sword against all perceived enemies of Islam — particularly the West — and includes the subjugation of women, sometimes brutal.

We cannot afford to import this irrational zeal, which is accepted and encouraged in many parts of the world. We have every right to challenge such ideologies.

It is time for us to make clear distinctions between peace-loving Muslims from those who are radicals. Suppressing open discussion and dialogue only serves to drive the evils of racism and radicalism underground where both can flourish to the detriment of all us all.

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Priszm reaches deal with Yum!
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Dealers sue GM Canada

A group of dealers is suing General Motors of Canada for millions of dollars in damages for alleged contract breaches and are seeking a court injunction to stop the auto giant from terminating their franchises.

Eleven longtime southern Ontario dealers and one from Prince Edward Island filed a statement of claim in Ontario court Thursday.

The dealers, including store owners such as Giles Chevrolet in Stouffville, Robinson Pontiac Buick in Guelph and Robert Slessor Pontiac Buick in Grimsby, say they want a permanent injunction to prohibit GM from ending their agreements and a declaration entitling them to remain open for at least five years.

Their claim is seeking unidentified compensatory damages for loss of profit, goodwill, reputation, market share and business opportunities because of the alleged breaches, plus $1.5 million in punitive damages for each dealer.

More than 200 dealers have accepted wind-down agreements and already closed their GM stores.

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250 GM announced in May that it would close between 240 and 250 dealerships by October 2010 when franchise agreements expire.

Dubai debt fears hit markets hard

MARKETS World stock markets — usually relatively quiet when Wall Street is closed for a holiday — tumbled Thursday as investors digested the stunning news from Dubai that the government's investment company was in financial trouble.

Dubai World, which is thought to have debts totalling around $60 billion US, has asked creditors if it can postpone its forthcoming payments until May. That stoked fears of a potential default and contagion around the global financial system, particularly in banks and emerging markets.

In Canada, insurer Manulife Financial Corp. said it has no financial exposure to Dubai World or its affiliates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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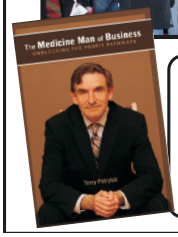

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Canada's three largest gold miners are criticizing a private member's bill that would govern their activities in developing countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

More Bombardier layoffs

Bombardier Aerospace is looking to preserve its pool of talent by considering a federal program that supports job sharing to minimize the impact of additional layoffs, the company announced Thursday.

Lack of new orders has forced the manufacturer to announce the layoff of 715 more workers at its Montreal-area facilities next year as it reduces production of its CRJ regional jets.

The 715 layoffs include about 40 employees affected by the reduced output rate for the company's Bombardier 415 amphibious aircraft.

About 200 of the affected workers are administrative while the remaining 515 are unionized employees who can now exercise their rights to bump workers with less seniority. Such moves could have an impact on Bombardier employees who assemble the Challenger business jet.

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Earlier cuts

- The cuts are in addition to 4,360 layoffs previously announced this fiscal year for Bombardier's worldwide operations, including 1,740 in the Montreal area.

Shopping More incentives

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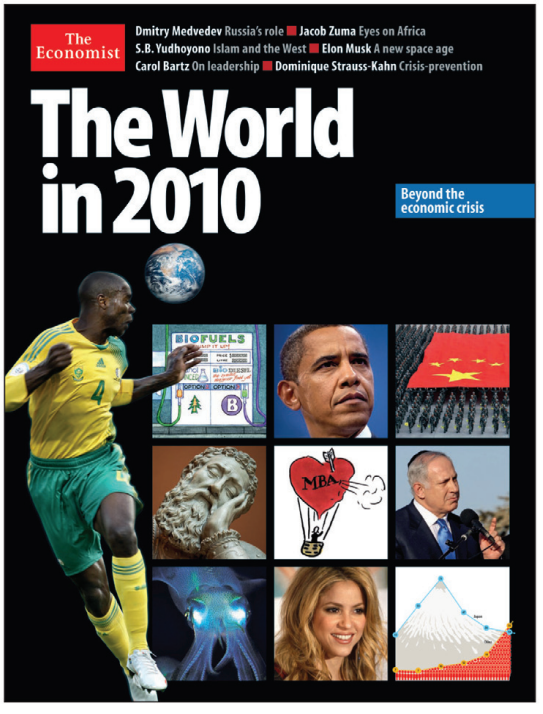
Online retailers such as Amazon.com hope the Internet's convenience factor, plus discounts and deals, spur still-nervous shoppers to spend more online this holiday season — even as traditional retailers brace for mediocre sales.

Lululemon taps tween market

FASHION Lululemon Athletica Inc. has outfitted the yoga mom generation in trendy activewear and now its Ivivva Athletica brand is targeting its daughters. Ivivva, a brightly-coloured, dance-inspired line for girls aged six to 12, is debuting beside Lululemon's flagship Vancouver store Friday.

Ivivva clothing, which will cost about 30 per cent less than Lululemon, will initially focus on dance, gymnastics and general athletics and expand to team wear, such as warm-up and training uniforms, next fall. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Who to play at Super Bowl

The Who will perform at halftime of the Super Bowl this season. The NFL announced during Thursday's game between the Oakland Raiders and Dallas Cowboys that the longtime rock band will play Feb. 7 at Dolphin Stadium in Miami. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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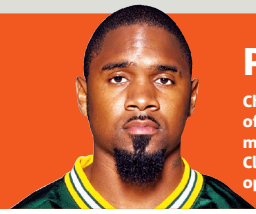

Packers star donates $2M

Charles Woodson is donating $2 million US to the new University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital. The money will support pediatric research by The Charles Woodson Clinical Research Fund in the $754-million hospital, scheduled to open in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jays sign a shortstop, still looking for a catcher

Marco Scutaro's days with the Toronto Blue Jays are all but officially over and catcher Rod Barajas is pretty much set to follow the shortstop out the door.

Shortly after signing Alex Gonzalez to a $2.75-million US, one-year deal plus an option to fill one of his team's perennial headache positions Thursday, general manager Alex Anthopoulos revealed that he will need a new stopgap to work behind the plate until prospect J.P. Arencibia is ready for the big leagues.

Alex Gonzalez

The chances of Barajas, a free agent like Scutaro, re-signing with the club were "unlikely" he said, adding the search was on for a replacement.

The agents for both Barajas and Scutaro told Anthopoulos the only way they would be returning would be if they chose to accept arbitration from the club, something the Blue Jays must offer in order to receive compensatory draft picks once they depart.

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Calling in the Air Force

Saskatchewan's Grey Cup hopes riding on Canadian receivers

GREY CUP PREVIEW

Roughriders vs **Alouettes**

In order to beat the Montreal Alouettes in Sunday's Grey Cup, the Saskatchewan Roughriders will have to get continued offensive production from their talented receiving corps.

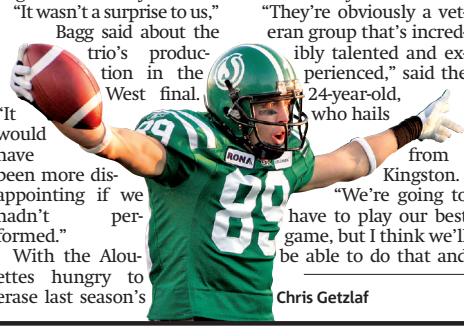
Dubbed as the Canadian Air Force, receivers Andy Fantuz, Chris Getzlaf and Rob Bagg all hauled in touchdown catches as the Riders qualified for the CFL final by downing the Calgary Stampeders 27-17 in Regina last Sunday.

"It wasn't a surprise to us," Bagg said about the trio's production in the West final. "It would have been more disappointing if we hadn't performed."

With the Alouettes hungry to erase last season's Grey Cup loss to the Stamps at home in Montreal, Bagg said the Riders will have to be at their best to emerge with a victory.

"They're obviously a veteran group that's incredibly talented and experienced," said the 24-year-old, who hails from Kingston.

"We're going to have to play our best game, but I think we'll be able to do that and it's going to be an exciting one."



Chris Getzlaf

Getzlaf, who led the Riders with six receiving touchdowns in the regular season, gave a lot of credit to Saskatchewan quarterback Darian Durant for being able to hit open receivers with precise passes on a consistent basis.

"Darian does a great job of reading defences and finding who's open and we're able to create mismatches wherever need be and he's able to pick teams apart," said the 26-year-old Regina native.

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Another U.S. Thanksgiving, another Lions loss

NFL

Packers 34 **Lions** 12

The Detroit Lions used to take a lot of pride in playing on U.S. Thanksgiving.

Lately, the Lions have been getting embarrassed when the nation tunes in to watch them.

Aaron Rodgers matched a career high with three touchdown passes and Charles Woodson grabbed two of his team's four interceptions, giving the Green Bay Packers a 34-12 win over Detroit. The Lions have lost six straight games on the holiday, setting a franchise record, by an average of 23.2 points and eight of nine in the showcase game

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers is pressured by Detroit Lions defensive end Cliff Avril during the fourth quarter of Thursday's NFL game in Detroit. The Packers won 34-12.

Leafs showing improvement on penalty kill

For the worst penalty killers in the NHL, the Maple Leafs' short-handed unit is pretty good.

Statistically speaking, the Leaf penalty killers are ranked 30th of the 30 teams, successfully killing only 73.9 per cent of penalties.

But they were a lot worse. Through the first 11 games, the team allowed 17 goals in 47 short-handed situations, a laughable 64 per cent kill rate.

Success

- The Leafs have killed off penalties 84.4 per cent of the time since Oct. 31, a success rate in the top five in the league.

"We were more passive at the beginning, giving the other team more quality shots," said defenceman Francois Beauchemin, who leads the team in ice time largely due to the time he spends killing penalties.

But coach Ron Wilson is a what-have-you-done-for-me-lately kind of coach. And lately — as in the last 12 games — the penalty killers have done a much better job.

They have allowed just seven goals in 45 short-handed situations.

"You take a lot of pride in it," said Wayne Primeau, generally the first centre over the boards to kill a penalty.

"If you don't do a good job, you feel like you let your teammates down."

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Sosa sued by businessman in Dominican Republic

Sammy Sosa is being sued for $203,000 US by a businessman in the Dominican Republic who says the former major leaguer owes him for — among other things — commission on a house sale. The man also alleges that Sosa has not paid him for a luxury watch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grey Cup a story of valiant teams

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The vast majority of those millions who will tune in to watch the 97th Grey Cup on TV won't know a single player's name on either team prior to the kickoff. But that's not the point. Sure, Anthony Calvillo of the Alouettes has been a stalwart CFL quarterback for many seasons and his Roughrider counterpart Darian Durant has emerged as a bona fide star to deliver Saskatchewan to the cusp of gridiron glory yet again.

However, neither of these personalities, nor any of those who will take the field at Calgary's McMahon Stadium can come close to eclipsing the magnetism of their respective squads.

It's what makes the Grey Cup different and gives it heightened drama.

The team is paramount and the success of the November spectacle will rest upon a tale woven by helmeted representatives of vastly different communities that co-exist in a big country.

The Roughriders are the perennial long shots.

They are football's version of a Prairie David to the Goliaths of Eastern Canada. The club from Saskatchewan is publicly owned and its many investors have much more than an imaginary stake in the outcome of every match. Only three times in 17 tries have the Green Riders captured the coveted chalice.

Then again, the role of underdog charmingly adds to their mystique.

Meanwhile, Montreal's football team draws its nickname from a bird in Quebecois folklore.

The Alouettes, like the mythical Phoenix, have risen from the ashes to ward off extinction and make the CFL strong again in French-speaking Canada. Along with an agonizing absence from 1987-96 and a subsequent rise to power, the Als hatched a huge interest in collegiate and community football in the province. They have repaid their followers with consistent competitiveness if not Grey Cup championships — just five victories in 16 tries.

"(The Riders) are football's version of a Prairie David to the Goliaths of Eastern Canada."

So who to root for? Perhaps the answer is both teams. After all, that's the lure of the Grey Cup isn't it? It's all about a game, which has the ability to soar above rudimentary statistical analysis and a handful of star players who play for multimillion-dollar contracts.

The magic to be found in the Grey Cup has to do with valiant teams and the contribution they make to this country's fabled, football history.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

TENNIS Canadian Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic closed out a successful season with a 6-4, 7-6 (9) group-play win Thursday over Mahesh Bhupathi and Mark Knowles at the ATP World Tour Finals.

FUNERAL Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal paid for the funeral of a five-year-old North Carolina girl after being moved by national news coverage of the case of Shaniya Davis, who police say was kidnapped and killed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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MONDAY'S GAME
New England at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

'Leap of faith' pays off for Als

Canadian key to CFL's top defence

A feel-good story of Grey Cup week is the Saskatchewan Roughriders use of four Canadian receivers, but the Montreal Alouettes have a ratio-changer of their own in linebacker Shea Emry.

"Gradually I got better and better."
Shea Emry

The 23-year-old from Richmond, B.C., played almost exclusively on special teams as a rookie last season, but hard work in the off-season and a string training camp won him the job of starting middle linebacker.

The six-foot-tall, 235-pounder will be in that spot when the Alouettes face the Roughriders in the Grey Cup game on Sunday.

"The coaches kind of took a leap of faith in giving me the job right out of camp and I jumped at the opportunity and did my best," Emry said Thursday.

"... I just wanted to make sure my teammates respected me for my game. Once I started making a couple of plays, that's all I wanted to do. And gradually I got better and better."

The Alouettes wanted to be bigger and have better man-to-man coverage from their defence this season and part of that was to change the group of linebackers.

Only Diamond Ferri stayed put, while Emry moved into the middle and Chip Cox moved from defensive back to linebacker, with rookie Ramon Guzman slotting in during games.

They contributed to a defence that was best in the league this season, leading in 21 of the 25 defensive statistical categories that the CFL keeps. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Viggo Mortesen stars in Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel-turned-movie The Road, about a man wandering across America with his young son in search of food, shelter and a trace of hope in a post-apocalyptic world.

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The Road heavy ride

Viggo Mortensen plays a father wandering around a post-apocalyptic America with his son in The Road.

The Road
Director: John Hillcoat
Stars: Viggo Mortensen
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

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STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There's a proverb that reads: To know the road ahead, ask those coming back.

But what if the few that are travelling said passageway are only thieves and cannibals? That is the primarily the predicament that a pair of post-apocalypse survivors face in The Road.

For those uneducated in Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel-turned-movie, The Road is a kind of a zombie movie without the zombies: A man (Oscar-nominee Viggo Mortensen) wanders across America with his young son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) in search of food, shelter and a trace of hope in an otherwise bleak, desolate world.

As the pair travel by foot across a deserted interstate highway heading the unknown west for wishful repose, they discover faith only in each other while stumbling across occasional survivors that display the precarious virtue of humanity.

As with McCarthy's novel, there's no clear explanation as to what happened to the modern world.

Suffice it to say that Earth is now a destroyed wasteland — twisted metal litters the streets, forests have fallen and the sky is painted an oppressive smoky grey. For this reason, hiring director John Hillcoat (The Proposition) was a clever choice. When it comes to setting tone, Hillcoat is the Nick Drake of cinematography.

But while he defiantly captures the dystopian look and feel, the Australian auteur still struggles with transposing the acclaimed novel into its cinematic counterpart.

While Mortensen is captivating even with a sparse amount of dialogue and action, the rambling structure of the film will lack the pacing needed to deliver enough thrills for most fidgety filmgoers.

Drive with caution, The Road ahead is a heavy ride.

Pitt backing Dark Void

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Reliance Big Entertainment and Brad Pitt's Plan B are developing a film version of the upcoming Capcom video game Dark Void, with Pitt in negotiations to star as the lead. IMDB.COM

Reitman flies high with Clooney

Canadian-born director's life changed Up in The Air

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

For filmmaker Jason Reitman, premiering a movie is always an anxious moment. There's no doubt he felt it with his debut feature Thank You for Smoking. And most certainly, he experienced the sensation when the world witnessed his Oscar-nominated hit Juno.

"The moment the movie stops being yours and starts belonging to the audience is always interesting," said the Canadian-born filmmaker during a recent interview.

"There are always things that you had no idea were funny and there's things that you thought were hilarious but apparently are not."

Lucky for Reitman, the audience is on his side and his latest film, Up in the Air starring George Clooney has been amassing great laughs in all the right places.

Based on the quirky book by Walter Kirn (Thumbsucker), Clooney plays a nomadic downsizing expert whose livelihood on the road is threatened by his own corporation's cutbacks just as he is about to reach unparalleled frequent flyer status.

"I hadn't made a movie yet and no one wanted Thank You for Smoking so I thought I'd better find something else," said Reitman of the film's conception. "The book is basically about a guy who fires people for a living and collects air miles. I kind of loved the philosophy of the book and went from there."

George Clooney stars in Up in the Air, directed by Canadian-born Jason Reitman.

But what actually followed were six long years of juggling the screenplay with the eventual making of Smoking, Juno and producing such films as Jennifer's Body — a series of undoubtedly valuable experiences that all but influenced Up in the Air's final script.

"I grew as a filmmaker obviously," explained Reitman. "But more importantly, becoming a father and a husband and starting to realize what's important in life really set the tone and plot of the script."

Up in The Air opens next week

"I obviously thought this guy's (George Clooney) perfect for the role but nowhere in my head did I think that he would (do it)."
Jason Reitman

What also set the tone was landing the actor Reitman always had in mind for the main role — Clooney.

"I obviously thought this guy's perfect for the role but nowhere in my head did I think that he would (do it)," said Reitman.

"When he read it and said 'yes,' it was a nice moment … it's amazing how quickly he puts you at ease."

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Pearce joins The Hungry Rabbit Jumps

Guy Pearce is stepping aboard the production of The Hungry Rabbit Jumps, the new thriller from Roger Donaldson, Production Weekly has Tweeted. Details of the story are still sketchy, but everyone seems agreed that Nic Cage is also starring. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Patton Oswalt delivers both drama and comedy in Big Fan, directed by Jason Siegel.

Oswalt on top of game in Big Fan

Big Fan
Director: Robert Siegel
Stars: Patton Oswalt, Michael Rapaport
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

Sports movies, with their scrappy teams that overcome the odds to win the big game, are a dime a dozen. Far more rare are movies about sports fans, people whose devotion to the teams they love often outstrips the actual athletes.

It's this passionate devotion that drives Big Fan, the directorial debut from Robert Siegel, the man who wrote 2008's The Wrestler. The film concerns Paul Aufiero, a New York Giants obsessed man in his mid-30s. By day, Paul sleeps late while still living at home with his aging mother. By night he works as a parking garage attendant, and by late night, he pens cutting diatribes aimed at Philadelphia Eagles fans which he reads over the air on a late-night sports call-in show.

The highlight of Paul's week is game day, when he and life-long friend Sal, played by Kevin Corrigan, watch the games on a television hooked up to a car battery from the stadium's parking lot.

His life, such as it is, is shattered one night after he is viciously beaten by the team's star quarterback Quantrell Bishop.

With Bishop subsequently suspended and the team's playoff fortunes fading, Paul soon finds his allegiances between his team and personal safety at odds with one another.

Big Fan recalls 1970s dramas like The Conversation or Taxi Driver, cynical films driven by unlikeable loners. Oswalt, a comic by trade, delivers a fantastic dramatic performance, balanced by some heartbreakingly hilarious moments.

It's this humour, no doubt the product of Siegel's stint as editor of satirical newspaper The Onion, that helps to balance out the film's dark trip through Paul's frail psyche. It all culminates in a fantastic scene between Oswalt and Michael Rapaport as Paul's Eagles loving foil.

With a razor thin budget and no previous directing experience, Siegel has created a dark and gritty film with a surprising sense of fun and self-awareness. With studios spending hundreds of millions of dollars on flashy fantasy retreads, Big Fan manages to be both original yet incredibly relatable.

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Alba goes Belgian
After headlining Sin City and The Fantastic Four, Alba's just signed for The Insiders, the big-screen version of another comic series — this time one from, er, Belgium. IMDB.COM

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Brothers in harm

Director makes bold casting choices

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Director Jim Sheridan burst onto the scene with the Oscar-winning My Left Foot in 1989 and since then has produced an eclectic body of work including In The Name Of The Father, the autobiographical In America, and the 50 Cent epic Get Rich Or Die Trying.

His latest movie is Brothers, a remake of the 2004 Danish film of the same name about a family torn apart by war and post-traumatic stress disorder. For Sheridan it was his first remake and as such a project that he walked into somewhat trepidatiously.

"I wasn't consciously trying to make my movie different," Sheridan says. "I was only trying to answer questions in the original movie that were interesting to me."

Jim Sheridan's version of the film is — typical of his work — more family-oriented, focusing on how surviving a painful and spiritually challenging POW experience could change a soldier to the extent that his family can barely recognize him when he returns home. In the film, that soldier is played by Spider-Man himself, Tobey Maguire in a creative casting choice that works simply because audiences would never anticipate that Maguire would go through such brutal psychological changes. It was a casting decision made specifically by Sheridan to play with audience expectations. "That's why we cast Tobey, so that no one would expect it," revealed Sheridan.

Brothers hits theatres next Friday

Tobey Maguire, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal star in Brothers.

That casting approach was also applied to the role of Maguire's ex-con brother who is surprisingly played by the typically gentle Jake Gyllenhaal. "Jake is often thought of as the lovable centre-of-attention character," said Sheridan.

"I found it interesting to cast him as the edgy ex-con just to play with that image."

New York doesn't succeed like Paris

New York, **I Love You**
Director: Brett Ratner, Joshua Marston, Mira Nair and others
Stars: Ethan Hawke, Natalie Portman, Julie Christie
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Drea de Matteo stars in a segment of New York, I Love You.

REVIEW In 2006, filmgoers were charmed by Paris Je T'aime, an anthology film comprised of short love letters to Paris by 21 different filmmakers. The project was surprisingly consistent for a film of it's kind and proved to be a minor hit.

Three years later, a few producers have tried to repeat the trick with New York, I Love You. The plan was to apply the same format to New York and it should have worked. But, unfortunately the roster of filmmakers hired for this omnibus is not nearly as impressive as the previous lineup. There are a few nice shorts, but overall the film is quite bland and predictable.

Hollywood hack Brett Ratner (Rush Hour) surprisingly directed the funniest segment about a teenager who inadvertently takes James Caan's disabled daughter to his prom. Maria Full Of Grace director Joshua Marston also contributed an amazing segment featuring Cloris Leachman and Eli Wallach as a sweetly co-dependent bickering old couple. But sadly, the other shorts fall flat. While Paris Je T'aime succeeded on the strength of the directors, New York, I Love You succeeds mainly because of its all star cast that includes Ethan Hawke, John Hurt, Natalie Portman, Julie Christie, and others.

Anthology movies are always inconsistent. There has never been a perfect one made, so judging them depends entirely on the number of hits vs. the number of misses and New York, I Love You fails more than it succeeds.

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Craven Screamin'

Emperor Of Horror Wes Craven may be directing the fourth instalment of Scream. The franchise's main Screamer, Neve Campbell says, "I'm pretty sure at this stage that Wes Craven is back on board to direct." EMPIREONLINE.COM

Trio of films lead nods at Chinese Oscars

AWARDS An Australia-based director's romance, a Taiwanese family drama and the story of a Chinese peasant guarding a cow are the unlikely trio of top contenders at the Chinese-language equivalent of the Oscars to be announced Saturday.

Clara Law's Like a Dream bagged nine nominations, Leon Dai's No Pudeo Vivir Sin Ti had eight and Guan Hu's Cow seven at the Golden Horse Awards.

The three films are vying for best pictures honours against Tsai Ming-liang's Face and Chinese filmmaker Ning Hao's Crazy Racer.

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Absurdistan playful

Absurdistan
Director: Viet Helmer
Stars: Maximilian Mauff, Kristyna Malerova
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A pair of young lovers' trials are used to comic effect in Absurdistan.

Absurdistan is a playful comedy combining visually sophisticated filmmaking, allegory, whimsy, and good old-fashioned dirty sex comedy to charming effect.

Set in the sort of broken down post-Soviet village that created Borat and Yakov Smirnoff, the film kicks into motion when the lone water supply to the village is cut off, causing the woman to hold a sex strike to get their men to address the problem. It's a sweet little story that inspires more smiles and gentle chuckles than belly laughs, but makes up for it with inspired set design and cinematography as well as a gentle touch.

Maximilian Mauff and Kristyna Malerova star as a pair of young lovers who have known each other since infancy, but can't consummate their love until their star signs cross in the cosmos (a date that just happens to occur in the middle of the local drought).

This leads to Maximilian trying to restore the waterline, while the other men in the village resort to failed panty raids and road trips to strip clubs. The humour is all very lewd and simplistic, but it's done in such a light-hearted manner and with an almost fairly tale like tone that makes it impossible to ever be offended.

Director Veit Helmer was clearly influenced by silent comedy as long passages in the film amount to dialogue free slapstick sequences. Unfortunately this is the film's main strength as well as its weakness. Absurdistan is old fashioned to a fault, containing few surprises and a few sub-Benny Hill physical gags.

Tintin film goes into post-production
The actual filming of Steven Spielberg's The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn has been completed, Peter Jackson, who is producing it, said in London this week. IMDB.COM

Going on an adventure at home

Director Rebecca Miller finds excitement in family

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Rebecca Miller's creative life is inspiring. Living in the shadows of her father, Pulitzer Prize and Oscar winning playwright Arthur Miller and her Oscar-winning actor husband Daniel Day-Lewis, she's carving out her own life as a writer and filmmaker.

Miller, who is also an actress, painter and sculptor, lives with Day-Lewis and their sons Cashel Blake and Ronan Cal in near seclusion on an estate in Country Wicklow, Ireland. She's been there 11 years and says it's where she's happiest writing.

There's plenty of positive buzz around her latest project, the domestic drama The Private Lives of Pippa Lee, based on her novel. Robin Wright Penn, Alan Arkin, and Keanu Reeves star in the story of the much younger wife of an ageing writer. She married him when he was a worldly middle-aged professor and she was a rebellious teenager prone to acting out with sex and drugs.

Twenty years into their marriage she's caring for him in their retirement home, accepting her narrow life and its obligations. But when he begins an open affair with a younger woman, Pippa comes to life again in the arms of a young man.

Miller says the story was inspired by a chance meeting with an old friend. "She had a husband and children. She was very smoothed out. Her lifestyle had completely changed. I thought, 'Wow – how does that happen, how do you fit another girl inside this woman? How did she get there? How malleable is identity?'

> **"(Director Rebecca Miller) thinks like a man, she tells a story like a man and that's not being biased against women in any way ... she cuts to the chase."**
> Robin Wright Penn

"You meet a 50-year-old woman who is a certain way, she's a lovely host at dinner, and you think that's her. Meanwhile that's not her at all; she has all these other selves inside. With Pippa you realize very quickly that she has a past that you wouldn't guess. People have these lives you can hardly even imagine."

Wright Penn was cast as Pippa when Meryl Streep dropped out. She says she was challenged and inspired by the story and by Miller.

"She thinks like a man, she tells a story like a man and that's not being biased against women in any way. But she cuts to the chase and I respond to that in a person."

Arkin was a tougher nut to crack. She had to cede some control when he signed on.

"Alan Arkin knew the guy so well, he knew Herb inside and out. When I first offered the role, he declined. He said he didn't want to go through that experience. But he did and he is just amazing and brilliant. His background is improv so we used some of his ideas. He didn't do anything that wasn't real. Alan is evolved as a person; he is at peace with himself. He's got his life figured out and he wants to do good work. He's in a place in his life where he's not needy."

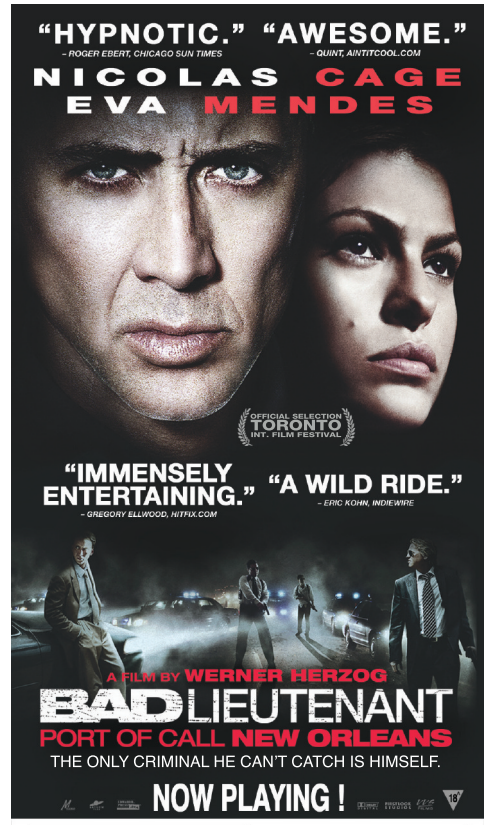
Keanu Reeves was Miller's first choice to play Wright Penn's lover because she'd seen compelling vulnerability and "otherworldliness" in his work.

"I wanted to see that again. I want to bring that out of him. If he can do it, I want to put him in a situation where he feels free enough to do that."

Miller looks forward to returning to her Irish haven after Pippa opens. "My next act is writing. I need to do that, I need to retreat.

• The Private Lives of Pippa Lee opens in theatres next Friday.

Keanu Reeves and Robin Wright Penn star in The Private Lives of Pippa Lee.



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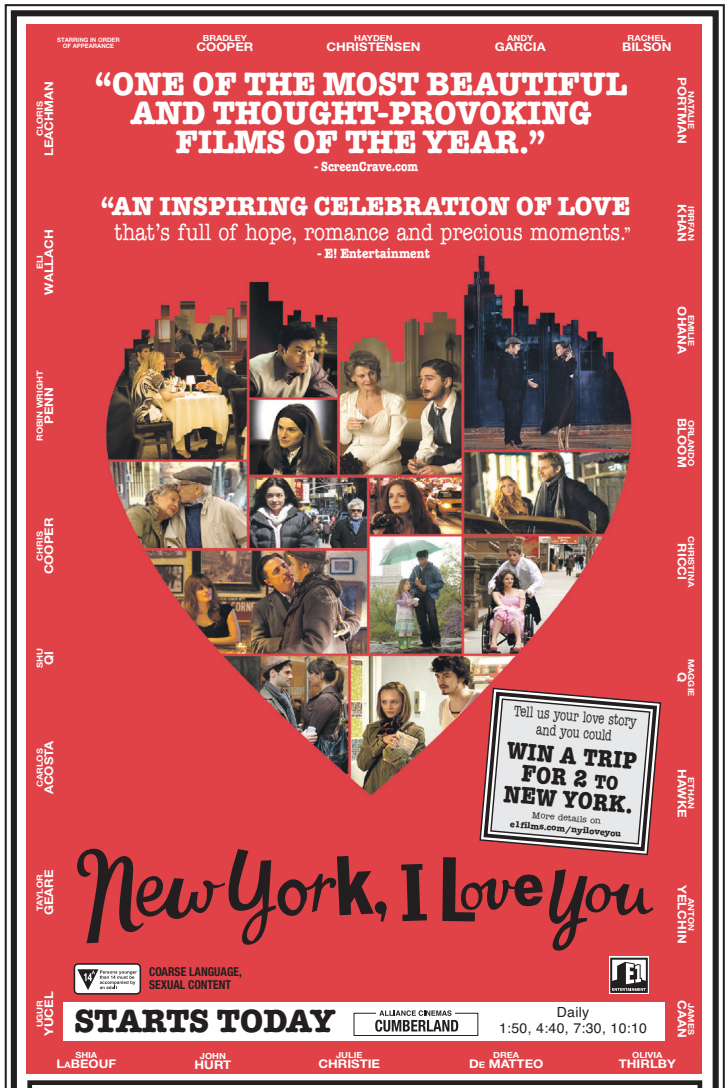
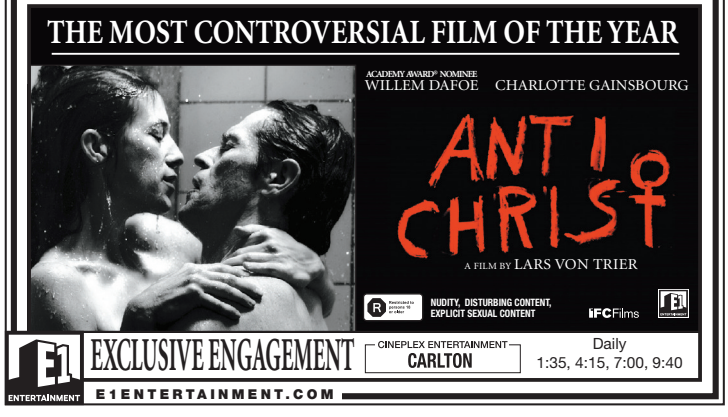
Spit on Your Grave casting revealed

The classic rape-revenge flick, I Spit On Your Grave, is up for a remake and casting news has been announced. Bloody Disgusting report that Chad Lindberg, Daniel Franzese, Sarah Butler, Jeff Branson and Amber Dawn Landrum have signed up for the film. IMDB.COM





Subtle but slow

The Headless Woman

Director: Lurcecia Martel
Stars: Maria Onetto
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

A scene from The Headless Woman.

Lucrecia Martel's films are slow, deliberate and at times, vexing. The award winning Argentine director's films are mysterious and strange, settling on small moments when we are looking for big revelations.

The Headless Woman sets up a possible crime, provides clues and puts in the time, but doesn't solve anything at first glance. Is it a cop-out or a reflection of real life in which answers are hard to come by? But watch closely and answers are revealed subtly, intricately and abundantly throughout the film. It's an effective strategy Martel has used before that forces us to pay attention to unravel the mystery.

It begins as a group of well-to-do wives say their goodbyes following an afternoon out. A baby bangs his hands on the car windows. Nearby, local boys play on a dusty rural road with a dog. One of the women, Vero (Maria Onetto) drives along that road when she reaches for her ringing cellphone, bumps her head and runs over something. It takes a few beats for her to collect herself, but she doesn't get out to see what's happened. Driving off she sees a dead dog on the road.

Vero has a checkup at the hospital but walks away during processing. Her day carries on as usual, except that she has lost comprehension of what it means. She's confused about the man with whom she'd having sex, she arrives at her medical office and takes a seat in the waiting room, forgetting she is the doctor. The bump on the head has rendered her headless.

Martel's film moves at a snail's pace, and inhabits the mundane; it is easy to forget to watch for the clues.

The award winning film is part of Argentina's new wave of cinema; James Quandt named it "one of the best films of the decade". Martel's pedigree is top notch and the movie is a worthy puzzle.

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This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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DOWNTOWN

BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

Canadian Labour International Film Festival (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 3:30
The Damned United (14A) Wed 4:30 Thu 9:30
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Sat-Mon 9:15 Tue 3:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Wed 7
Lawrence of Arabia (STC) Sun 2:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Wed 9:30 Thu 4
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 4 Sun 7 Mon 4:30-7 Tue 9:30
Polytechnique (14A) Thu 7
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (14A) Fri 11:30
Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation (STC) Fri 9:30
Spotlight on Action (STC) Tue 7

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

Antichrist (R) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:9-40
Bright Star (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:35
Cairo Time (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:15
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4-6:45-9:30
Good Hair (PG) Fri-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:55
The Horse Boy (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:25-7:30-9:45
The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:25
Inside Hana's Suitcase (STC) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:25-10
Prom Night in Mississippi (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:50

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

New York, I Love You (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:10
The Road (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-7-9:45
A Serious Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:15-10:20

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:45
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:35 Fri-Tue 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:40 Wed 12:25-3:20-9:40 Thu 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:40
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:25-9:20
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:50-10:25
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:15
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:20
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7-9:50
The Road (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-10:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-8 No Passes Fri-Wed 12:20-3-3:30-6:20-6:50-9:30-10 No Passes Thu 12:20-3-3:30-6:50-10 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:30
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-6:10-9

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

2012 (14A) Fri-Sat 1-4-7:20-10:30 Sun-Mon 1-4-7:20 Tue 1-4-7:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 1-4-7:20
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30-11:50 Sun-Wed 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30 Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30 Thu 1
Ninja Assassin (18A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-6:45-9-11:15 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:45-9
Old Dogs (G) Fri-Sat 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:20-11:30 Sun-Thu 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:20
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10-9:10 Mon 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10 Tue-Thu 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10-9:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15-11:45 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15

REVUE CINEMA
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

Astro Boy (PG) Sat-Sun 2
Bram Stoker's Dracula (STC) Wed 9 Thu 9:15
Cairo Time (STC) Sat 9:15 Sun 4-9:15 Mon 7 Tue 9:15 Wed 7
Dracula (STC) Thu 7
The Informant! (14A) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 7 Mon 1-9 Tue 7
The Matter of Everything: A Quantum Dose of Reality (STC) Sat 4
Trailer Apocalypse (STC) Fri 9

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

The Alzheimer Case (R) Fri 8:30
The Baader Meinhof Complex (STC) Sun 6
Genius Within: The Inner Life of Glenn Gould (STC) Thu 7
Georg (STC) Tue 6
King of Ping Pong (STC) Sat 6
Night Bus (STC) Mon 8:30
Police, Adjective (STC) Sat 8:30
Rooster's Breakfast (STC) Mon 6
Weekend With My Mother (STC) Tue 8:30
White Night (STC) Fri 6
The White Ribbon (STC) Wed 6

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Coco avant Chanel (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:20-8:50 Wed 12:50-3:40 Thu 12:50-6:20-8:50
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:10-6:45-9:10
An Education (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:20 Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:15-8:55
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-5-7:20-9:40
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Wed 1:10-3:50-7-9:50 Thu 1:10-3:50-9:50 Fri-Tue 1:45-4:05-6:25-9:25 Wed 1:45-4:05-8:45 Thu 1:45-4:05-6:25-9:25
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:30-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:10-9:30-10 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-3:25-6:45-9:45
The September Issue (PG) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:30-6:40-9 Thu 1:40-4:30-9 Fri-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:05-9:15

CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

Absurdistan (STC) Fri 4:10-6:50-9 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:10-6:50-9 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9
Amreeka (14A) Fri 4:25-6:55-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:25-6:55-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55-9:10
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4:45-7:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:45-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:40
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
The Road (14A) Fri 4:50-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:50-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30-10
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 4:30-7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:30-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-9:50
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 4:05-6:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:05-6:40 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:40

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Bright Star (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:15 Wed-Thu 7
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun 7 Tue 7

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sat 9:15 Sun 7 Tue 7
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4:15-7 Sun 4:15 Wed-Thu 7

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:20-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-6:30-9:50
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:50-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10 Wed 4:15-7:15-10:10 Thu 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:45-7:10-9:40
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Tue 1:30-4:30-6:50-9:30 No Passes Wed 4:30-6:50-9:30 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:30-6:50-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2:10-5:10-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:20-10:10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3-5:20-7:40-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:50-3:15-6:45-9:20
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-3-6:20-9:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4-7:10 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:45

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

2012 (14A) Fri 1:45-2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-6:15-7:15-8:15-9-10-10:40 Sat-Sun 10:40-11:40-1-1:45-2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-6:15-7:15-8:15-9-10-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:45-2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-6:15-7:15-8:15-9-10-10:40
Big Fan (STC) Fri 2:05-4:35-7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:35-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:20-9:40
Coopers' Camera (STC) Fri 3:10-5:40-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 10:40-12:50-3:10-5:40-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:40-8-10:25
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 4:55-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-4:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:55-10:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 1:30-4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Digital Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Digital Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Digital Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Digital Fri 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15 Digital Sat-Sun 11:30-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15 Digital Mon-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:45-2:30-3:15-4:15-5:5:45-6:25-7:25-8:25-9-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:35-11:05-12-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:15-4:15-5:5:45-6:25-7:25-8:25-9-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:45-2:30-3:15-4:15-5:5:45-6:25-7:25-8:25-9-9:45-10:45
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 5:20-10:20
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 1:50-4:45-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:50-4:45-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:25-9:55
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 2:25-7:35 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:25-7:35 Mon-Thu 2:25-7:35
Ninja Assassin (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2-2:40-3:20-4:10-4:50-5:30-6-6:30-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:50-10:20-11 Special Engagement Sat 10:45-11:45-12:20-1:20-2-2:40-3:20-4:10-4:50-5:30-6-6:30-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:50-10:20-11 Special Engagement Sun 10:45-11:45-12:20-1:20-2-2:40-3:20-4:10-4:50-5:30-6-6:30-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:50-10:20-10:50 Special Engagement Mon-Tue 2-2:40-3:20-4:10-4:50-5:30-6-6:30-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:50-10:20-10:50 Special Engagement Wed-Thu 2-2:40-3:20-4:10-4:50-5:30-6-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:50-10:20-10:50
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 2:30-5-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:30-5-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:20-9:50
Parking (STC) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:20-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:55
Planet 51 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:35-2:35-4:05-5:05-6:40-7:40-9:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:20-12-1:35-2:35-4:05-5:05-6:40-7:40-9:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:35-2:35-4:05-5:05-6:40-7:40-9:10
A Serious Man (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-7:35

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Fri 3:30 Sat 12:30 Sun 6:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-9:30
Arya 2 (STC) Fri 9:30 Sat 3:30-6:30 Sun 12:30-3:30 Mon 6:30
De Dana Dan (STC) Fri 3:15-6:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-3-6:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:15-9:30
Heer Ranjha - A True Love Story (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 9:30 Tue-Thu 6:30

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 3:20-7-10:30 Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-6:50-10:10
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-6:20-9:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:25-10:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-2:10-4:20-6:35-9
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:35-10:35
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:15-9:05
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:45 Wed 12:45-6:55-9:45 Thu 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:45
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:20-5:10-8-10:40
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:55-2:15-4:35-7:05-9:30 No Passes Wed 4:35-7:05-9:30 No Passes Thu 11:55-2:15-4:35-7:05-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:45-9:40 Wed 12:55-3:55-10:15 Thu 12:55-3:55-6:45-9:40
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:10
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
The Road (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-7:20-10:25
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:50-1:20-4-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:20 No Passes Wed 1:20-4-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:20 No Passes Thu 12:50-1:20-4-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:20 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 1-6:50
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Tue 4-9:30
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:45-4:55-7-9:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:35-4:05-6:35-6:55-9:20-9:40

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

2012 (14A) Fri 6:30-10 Sat-Sun 2-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 4:15-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-1-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Wed 9:15 Thu 7
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Sat 1 Sun 2
Coco Before Chanel (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4-7 Mon-Tue 7
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Tue 9:15 Wed 1:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Wed 7 Thu 9
Shock and Awe (STC) Sat 11:30
Toons For Toddlers (STC) Sat 10:30
Un Ballo in Maschera in Teatro Real, Madrid (STC) Sat 3

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (STC) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:45
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:50
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri 6:55-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:50-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:55
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05
An Education (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40
Kurbaan (14A) Fri 4:50-8:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:50-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-8:30
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 5-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 2-5-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10:05
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 4-6:45-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:45-9:35 Mon-Tue 4-6:45-9:35 Wed-Thu 4-9:35
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-7-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7-10
The Road (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sun 1:30-4:20-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:55
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 3:45-6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:45-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:20-9:10

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

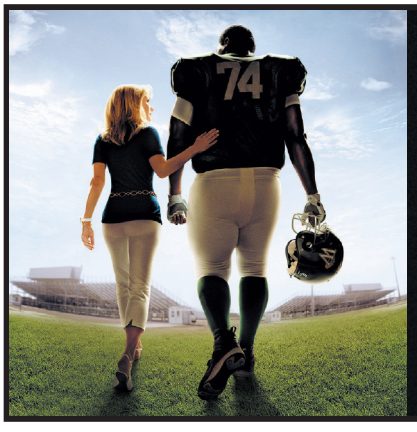
2012 (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:30-2:50-5-6:40-8:20-10:15-11:30 Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:30-2:50-5-6:40-8:20-10:15
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:20
Ninja Assassin (18A) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:20-10
Old Dogs (G) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3-5:10-7:30-9:50 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 3-5:10-7:30-9:50
Planet 51 (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:30
Pulp Fiction (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 11:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 1:10-1:50-2:30-4-4:40-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:30-9:40-10:30-11:15 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 1:10-1:50-2:30-4-4:40-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:30-9:40-10:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:50-2:30-4-4:40-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:30-9:40-10:30

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10:10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:05
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:50-2:10-4:40-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:45
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30 Sun-Thu 1-4:10-7:05-10:05
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:25 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:15-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:15-4:15-7-9:40
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:15-9
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:15

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ace. E., 416-644-7746

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-2-6:30-7:10-10-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-2-6:30-8-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:55
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:50-7:20-9:45
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 4



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Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:9-40
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:15
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:05
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:30-10:10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:15-10:25
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:55
Naan Avanillai 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-6-9:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
The Road (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:50-9:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-20-1:20-3:30-4:40-6:40-8-9:50 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:20

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:15-4:10-6:30-7:45-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30-7:45-10
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:15 Mon-Thu 4:15
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:40-10:35
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:35-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-10:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:40
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3-5:25-7:50-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:50-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:30
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:35-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:35-9:15
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10:25
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:15-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-10:20
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:30-8-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:10-8-10:30
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Thu 7-9:45
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-2-4:20-5:20-7:30-9:10-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-5:20-7:30-9:10-10:40 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:15-6:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:45-10:10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-9:55
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sun 9:55 Mon-Thu 9:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:15-5-7:35 Mon-Thu 4:10-7
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05-9:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:25-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:10-9
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:45-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35-9:50
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:05-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:50-6:55-9:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:10-8:45 Mon-Thu 4-6:20-8:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-12:45-1:30-3-3:40-4:20-6-6:35-7:20-9-9:40-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:15-3:40-4:20-6-6:35-7:20-8:50-9:30-10:05

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Astro Boy (PG) Fri 2:55-5:20 Sat-Sun 12:35-2:55-5:20 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:20
Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (STC) Special Engagement Fri 4:25-7:10-9:55 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-1:40-4:25-7:10-9:55 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:55
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Cairo Time (STC) Fri-Thu 2:30-7:15
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
Coco Before Chanel (PG) Fri-Thu 2:20-7:05
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 2:20-5-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:20-5-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:20-5-7:30-10:05
De Dana Dan (STC) Special Engagement Fri 3:05-6:20-9:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:50-3:05-6:20-9:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:05-6:20-9:35
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 3-5:30-8-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 3-5:30-8-10:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Digital Fri 2-4:30-7-9:30 Digital Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30 Digital Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
An Education (PG) Fri 3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Sat-Sun 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:40-8-10:20
Good Hair (PG) Fri 4:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-4:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-9:40
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 4:20-10
Kurbaan (14A) Special Engagement Fri 3-6:15-9:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-3-6:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 3-6:15-9:35
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 2:45-3:30-5-5:45-7:15-8:05-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-12:30-1:15-2:45-3:30-5-5:45-7:15-8:05-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:45-3:30-5-5:45-7:15-8:05-9:30-10:15
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 4:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:55-4:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:40-9:25
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 3:40-5:50-7:55-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:30-3:40-5:50-7:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-5:50-7:55-10:10
Planet 51 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-7-7:45-9:15-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:15-1-2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-7-7:45-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-7-7:45-9:15-10
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20
Zombieland (14A) Fri-Thu 7:40-9:55

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

De Dana Dan (STC) Fri 3:15-4:45-6:15-7:45-9:30-10:45 Sat-Sun 12-1:30-3-4:30-6:15-7:45-9:30-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:30-8:15-9:30

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

All About Steve (PG) Fri-Sun 12 Mon-Thu 1-6:15
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:10-4:45-6:20 Mon-Thu 1-4:20-5:55-7:25
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri 12-3:30 Sat-Sun 12
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:25-5:30-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 1-2:55-4:50-6:45-8:40
The Stepfather (14A) Fri 3:30-7-9 Sat-Sun 5-7-9 Mon-Thu 2:45-4:30-8
Surrogates (PG) Fri 1:45-7:55 Sat-Sun 1:45-9 Mon-Thu 2:45-7:30-9:05
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 12-1:45-5:05 Sat-Sun 12-5-7 Mon-Thu 1-4:05
Zombieland (14A) Fri 5:20-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 3:20-8-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:50-9

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

2012 (14A) Fri-Wed 12:40-2-4:15-6:20-8-10:10 Thu 12:40-4:15-6:20-8-10:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:40-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:30-3-6:15-9 No Passes Wed 3:40-6:15-9 No Passes Thu 12:30-3-6:15-9 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:15-10:15
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-3:15-6:30-9:15 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:45-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:50-10:30
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:15-5:15-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:30
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Wed 12:20-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Thu 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Fri-Sat 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

2012 (14A) Fri 2-2:50-5:45-6:30-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-2-2:50-5:45-6:30-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2-2:50-5:45-6:30-9:30-10:15
The Blind Side (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 1-4:05-7-10:05 Mon-Thu 1-4:05-7-10:05
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Digital Fri 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25 Digital Sat-Sun 11:45-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25 Digital Mon-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:05-9:40
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 5:15-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:40-5:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 5:15-10:45
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 2:35-8:05
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-7:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:10-1:55-2:40-3:55-4:40-5:25-6:40-7:25-8:10-9:25-10:10-10:55 Special Engagement Sat 11:15-1:10-1:55-2:40-3:55-4:40-5:25-6:40-7:25-8:10-9:25-10:10-10:55 Special Engagement Sun 11:15-12:05-1:10-1:55-2:40-3:55-4:40-5:25-6:40-7:25-8:10-9:25-10:10-10:40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:10-1:55-2:40-3:55-4:40-5:25-6:40-7:25-8:10-9:25-10:10-10:40
Old Dogs (G) Special Engagement Fri 2:20-4:50-7:10-9:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:10-9:45
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Thu 4:25-10:20
Planet 51 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 Special Engagement Sat 11:10-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 Special Engagement Sun 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:15-2:45-3:30-4-4:30-6-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-10:10-30-11 Special Engagement Sat 11:30-12:15-12:45-1:15-2:45-3:30-4-4:30-6-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-10:10-30-11 Special Engagement Sun 11:30-12:15-12:45-1:15-2:45-3:30-4-4:30-6-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:15-2:45-3:30-4-4:30-6-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-10:10-30

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

2012 (14A) Fri 6:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-6:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 6:30-10:05
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 4-6:55-10 Sat-Sun 12:45-4-6:55-10 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 4:35-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:55 Wed-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 3:50-6:25-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:25-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:25-9:15
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri 4:25-7:40-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-7:40-10:10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri 4:45-7:25-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:25-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-9:40
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:55-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:20-9:50
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4:10-6:40-7:05-9:35-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:25-1-3:30-4:10-6:40-7:05-9:35-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:10-6:40-7:05-9:35-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

2012 (14A) Fri 3:20-7:10-45 Sat 11:45-3:20-7:10-45 Sun 11:45-3:20-7 Mon-Thu 3:20-7:25
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 3:15-6:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:15-6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:50-10:05
De Dana Dan (STC) Fri 3:55-7:50 Sat-Sun 12:25-3:55-7:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:50
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 3:40-6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:20-9:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri 4:25-7:05-9:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:40-2-4:25-7:05-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-6:35-9:15
Heer Ranjha (STC) Fri 6:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-3-6:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:30
Kurbaan (14A) Fri 4:20-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-4:20-8:45 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:45
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 6:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 3:10
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:25-10:35 No Passes Sat 1:05-4:10-7:25-10:35 No Passes Sun 1:05-4:10-7:25-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri 4:55-7:30-10:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:30-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55-9:45
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 4:45-7:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:45-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:15
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:25-7-9:40
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:35-6:30-9:25
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7:10-10:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7:10-10:20 No Passes Fri 3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri 4:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sat 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:40

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (STC) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7-10
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:30
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:40
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:15
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-1:30-2:45-4:10-5:15-6:50-7:40-9:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-5:15-6:50-7:40-9:20-10:05
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:10

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Astro Boy (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45
The Blind Side (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-6:45-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 1-4-6:45-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:20-4-6:45-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 11
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:20-10:10
Couples Retreat (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
De Dana Dan (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:15-5:45-9:30
Heer Ranjha (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-5-8:15
Kurbaan (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-5:30-9:15
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:10-9:45
Paranormal Activity (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:10-4:30-7:30-10:15
Pirate Radio (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:40-9:20
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-10
True Lies (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 11:30

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 7:30 Tue 7:30 Thu 7:30
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 7:50 Tue 7:50 Thu 7:50
Ninja Assassin (18A) Fri-Sun 10:10 Tue 10:10 Thu 10:10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sat 7:40 Sun 10 Tue 10 Thu 10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sat 9:50 Sun 7:40 Tue 7:40 Thu 7:40
Zombieland (14A) Fri-Sun 10:20 Tue 10:20 Thu 10:20

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

2012 (14A) Fri 6:30-10 Sat-Sun 2-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 3:20-6:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 5:20-7:40-10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3-5:20-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 7:40-10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri 4:50-7-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-2:30-4:50-7-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4-6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri 3:40-7:20-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:40-7:20-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:15-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-9:30
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 5:10-7:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10:10 Fri-Sun 12:10-3:40-7:20-11 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:20
Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (STC) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:45-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35-10:30
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-1:10-3:45-4:20-6:45-7:25-9:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:45-4:20-6:45-7:25-9:40-10:25
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Disney's A Christmas Carol: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:50-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:30-8:50
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:20
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-1-2:45-3:50-5:20-6:50-8-9:30-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:30-10
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-8:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-8:10-10:30
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:20
The Road (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG)

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No Passes Fri-Sun 11:50-12:20-12:50-1:20-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:10-6:40-7:10-7:40-9:15-9:50-10:20-10:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4-4:30-6:10-6:40-7:10-7:40-9:15-9:50-10:20

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

2012 (14A) Fri 3:20-5-7:10-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-5-7:10-8:45 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-6:45-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:45
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 4-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 3:15-6-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:15-6-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:50
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri 3:40-7:50-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:45-8:10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri 3:50-7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:40-6-8:20-8:40

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3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

2012 (14A) Fri 5:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-5:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:45
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri 5:10-7:50-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 3:50-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri 4:50-8:10-40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:50-8:10-40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:50-10:20
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri 5:20-7:40-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:20-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-9:40
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 5-7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-7:10-9:50-10:10

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Amelia (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:25-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-9:25
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:7:40-9:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:7:40-9:15-9:50 Mon-Wed 4:15-5:15-6:45-7:7:40-9:15-9:50 Thu 4:15-5:15-6:45-7:7:40-9:50
The Box (14A) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:30-10:05
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:55
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri 2:15-4:40-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:40
District 9 (14A) Fri 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:40-4:20-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55-9:25
The Final Destination (STC) Digital Fri 2:05-4:30-6:40-9:05 Digital Sat-Sun 11:50-2:05-4:30-6:40-9:05 Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-6:40-9:05
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 1:25-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:25-9:05-10 Sat-Sun 11:05-11:55-1:25-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:25-9:05-10 Mon-Wed 4-5-6:30-7:25-9:05-10 Thu 4-5-6:30-7:25-10
Good Hair (PG) Fri 3-6:05-8:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-3-6:05-8:50 Mon-Wed 3:30-6:05-8:50 Thu 3:30-6:05
The Hangover (14A) Fri 2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:35-9:50
The Informant! (14A) Fri 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri 2:50-6-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:50-6-9:20 Mon-Thu 6-9:20
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 2:25-5:05-7:35-10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:25-5:05-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:35-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:40
Kurbaan (14A) Fri 2:40-6:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:40-6:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:05-9:20
Love Happens (PG) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 2-3:30-4:30-6-7-9-9:30 Sat-Sun 11-11:30-2-3:30-4:30-6-7-9-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6-7-9-9:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) Fri 1:45-2:15-2:45-4:15-4:45-5:15-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:05 Sat-Sun 11-11:30-12:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-4:15-4:45-5:15-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:15-4:45-5:15-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:05
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 1:25-4:10-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-4:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:45
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) Fri 1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Sat-Sun 11-11:45-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Mon-Thu 4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 2:20-4:50-7:35-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35-9:55
Up (PG) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:35
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 1:40-4:05-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:40-4:05-6:50-9:25 Mon-Wed 4:05-6:50-9:25 Thu 4:05-6:50
Zombieland (14A) Fri 2:35-4:55-7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:15-9:35

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2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:50-9:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:05-9:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:10-9:10
Old Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:20-5:20-7:20-9:25
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:15-9:15
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 Mon 4-7-9:30 Tue-Thu 1-4-7-9:30 Mon 1

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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:45-10:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:25-5-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:55-2:20-4:50-7:20-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-10:15
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:35-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:35-9:15
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:45
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:05-2:45-5:20-7:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50-10:25
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:20-9:25
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-9:55
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:40-5:30-8-10:35 Mon-Thu 5:30-8-10:35
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50 No Passes Sun 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7:10-10:20

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-1:50-4:10-6:35-7:50-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-5-8-9
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:10-6:25-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:55-10:05
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:20
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:35-6:20-8:50
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:05-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:10-9:45
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sat 1:05-3:55-6:30-9:15 Sun 1:05-8:10:35 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:30-9:10
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:35-9:40
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:40 Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:50-9:15
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:20-4-6:40-7:10-10:10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4-6:40-7-9:50-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sat 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:45 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

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GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

2012 (14A) Fri 6:30-10 Sat-Sun 2-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 6:50-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-10:05 Mon-Thu 6:50-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri 7:15-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-7:15-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-9:50
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri 6:45-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-6:45-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-7:10-9:45-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-1-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:45-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:45-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:10-8 Mon-Thu 8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6:30-9
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:35-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:35-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:45-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-10:15
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:05
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-1-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

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2012 (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-6:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 6:30-10:05 Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:55 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:20
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:3:50-7:15-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

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2081 Winston Park Dr., Oakville, 905-829-2009

2012 (14A) Fri-Sat 1-2-4:30-5:30-7-8-9-10:30-11:15 Sun-Thu 1-2-4:30-5:30-7-8-9-10:30
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 2:20-4:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40
Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:45-4:35-7:20-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-1:45-4:35-7:20-10:05 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:20-10:05
The Blind Side (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-2:05-4:10-4:55-7:05-7:40-9:55-10:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:05-1:20-2:05-4:10-4:55-7:05-7:40-9:55-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:20-2:05-4:10-4:55-7:05-7:40-9:55-10:40
De Dana Dan (STC) Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:30
An Education (PG) Fri 4:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:25-4:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-9:55
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:40-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30 Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 2:20-7:25
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Music

Kid Cudi joins Monster Ball

Newcomer replaces Kanye West on Lady Gaga tour

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

Kid Cudi has some big, stylish shoes to fill.

The hip-hop newcomer is replacing Kanye West as Lady Gaga's tourmate on her 41-city Monster Ball tour, which includes a stop at the Air Canada Centre Saturday.

Despite being signed to Kanye's vanity record label GOOD Music, Cudi says he's not really aware of the circumstances surrounding West's abrupt departure in September from Gaga's show, which was originally a co-headlining event called Fame Kills.

"I don't have any knowledge of that at all," he tells Metro in a phone interview. "They just asked me, and I said 'yeah.'"

Thanks to the last-minute change, Kid Cudi had to scramble to make sure his part of the show was up to Gaga's flamboyant standards.

"We're really really trying to do what we can," the rapper says during his first week of rehearsals. "Because I know that Gaga's set is going to be ridiculous. It's gonna be way better than mine, so what I'm just trying to do is come up with creative ways to just do my thing, too."

But as for exactly how he'll go about doing his thing, well, you'll just have to wait and see.

"I can't really reveal too much," he says. "But I can say that it will be cinematic in nature."

In that case, his set will have something in common with his debut album, Man on the Moon: The End of Day. One of the most original hip-hop full-lengths of the year, the album dramatically casts Cudi in the real-life story of a lonely yet imaginative rap upstart.

With its brooding, melancholy overtone and forlorn subject matter, since its release in September, the album has inspired a new term among critics: "emo-rap."

Cudi — who's working on a free mixtape and a compilation set to come out early next year — welcomes the coinage, saying that newfangled ways of describing his music was inevitable.

"You gotta remember, my goal in making the record was to confuse those people," he says. "I wanted people to love it, but to not know what to call it, you know what I mean?"

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In Concert

- Kid Cudi plays the Air Canada Centre Saturday with Lady Gaga

The Cat Empire draws on a world of sounds

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

"Music is the language of us all," The Cat Empire declares on their single How To Explain, which pretty much lays out everything you need to know.

Inclusion will be the name of the game for the eclectic world-beat rockers as they leave behind a sunny summer in their native Melbourne, Australia, home for Canada's colder and more dismal climes, the first time they've done so in two years. Lucky us: The Cat Empire gained a heavy rep over a decade of playing more than 750 shows for throwing everything short of the kitchen sink at loyal audiences, having as many as 30 people — a collection that has included trumpet players screaming on the high C, bagpipers and even sword-swallowers — joining the six-piece outfit onstage for a show that fuses rock, Latin jazz, ska, folk and funk among other styles (Check their CD and DVD Live On Earth, the precursor to a new release coming in early 2010, to find out what you're in for).

"We came out of a heatwave in Melbourne," says vocalist and percussionist (and anything-he-can-get-his-hands-on-ist, for that matter) Felix Riebl. "So I suppose the reason is because we love Canadians. They're like Australians, the crowds are great. We've got this live album we're trying to tour and we all thought it was high time to come back."

With all the ensuing chaos, fun though it may be, one wonders how the hell a show like this doesn't devolve into a total quagmire. But you never get bored exploring new musical styles, says Riebl, who, like his bandmates, doesn't believe that too many cooks will spoil the improvisational broth.

"The nature of this band is to rob the best parts of music around the world and use them," he laughs. "I'm not sure how we do it, really. It all tends to sort itself out once we're up there. A friend of mine from Sydney who was singing with us, she said playing in our band was like being on a pending train wreck that always seems like it's going to head off the cliff but never quite does. You just hang on. It's like that one scene in Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, you know?"

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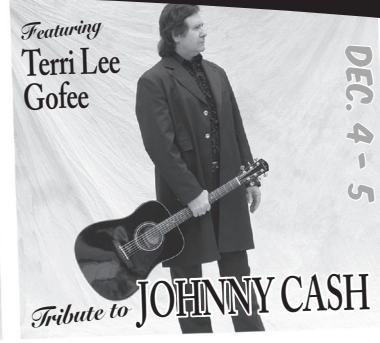

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Centre of the storm

Controversy surrounds release of Adam Lambert's new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Before last Sunday, Adam Lambert was famous for two things: Being the first openly gay American Idol contestant and losing the Idol title he clearly should have won.

But after an over-the-top American Music Awards performance — he kissed his male keyboardist and participated in a simulated sex act — he's suddenly become the most controversial artist in the music biz.

"I figured it would have got some reaction," says Lambert on the phone from New York. "But I didn't think it would get to this level."

While the spiky-haired singer didn't want to offend the AMA's television audience, and he says it wasn't pre-meditated, he does admit that he was "going with the motions, in the spirit of rock 'n' roll and I was having a good time."

His performance got him booted from a Good Morning America appearance, and he may have alienated some of his more wholesome fans, but if Lambert really was channeling the spirit of rock''n' roll, he knows that controversy can do wonders for album sales.

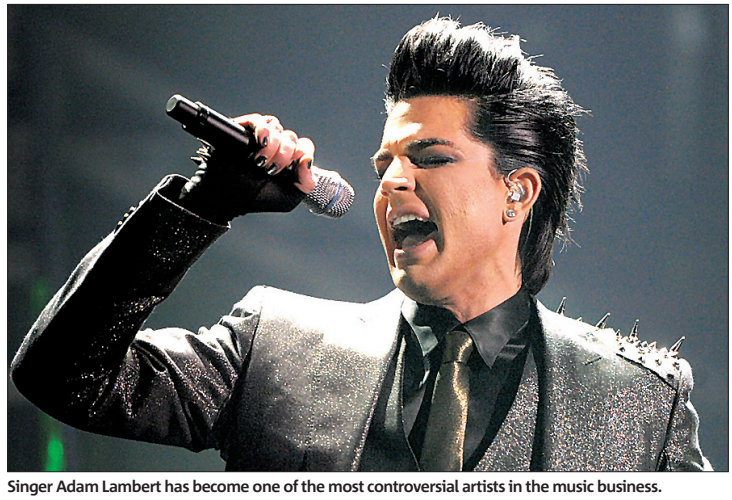
His new disc, For Your Entertainment, was released earlier this week, so it's too early to tell if his stunt has paid off at the cash register (is there any doubt?), but it may not have needed the extra boost. The disc is easily the most eclectic post-Idol record ever released. It pays homage to everyone from Queen and David Bowie to Lady Gaga, who co-wrote some tracks on the album.

The title tune, now known as that song from the AMAs, is full of sexual innuendo — "Can you handle what I'm 'bout to do? Cause it's about to get rough for you," he sings — but Lambert wants people to know that it's the only hedonistic tune on the disc.

"That's the one song on the album dealing with a sex thing," says the articulate artist, almost defensively. "That's the one thing I'm concerned about. I don't want people to assume that's the kind of artist I'm going to be."

Problem is, it's not the only sex-themed song. In the Gaga-penned Fever he sings about a threesome, and other songs can be taken a number of different ways. But really, who cares? Lambert's done something that takes most other American Idol contestants at least two or three albums to do — he's developed his own identity.

It may be a polarizing one, but he admits, that's fine with him. "People love me or hate me and that's the way it will be for the rest of my career," he says.


Singer Adam Lambert has become one of the most controversial artists in the music business.

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Concert Pick

Justin Rutledge

• Alt-country fans can feed their monkey by attendng Toronto-based singer-songwriter Justin Rutledge's set at the Trinity- St. Paul's Centre (427 Bloor St. W.) this coming Saturday. NOW Magazine's 2006 Songwriter of the year will appear alongside bluesy folk chanteuse Melissa McClelland for the set. Doors open at 7 p.m.

In brief

HMV TOP 10 ALBUMS
1. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle
2. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga
3. Rated R, Rihanna
4. For Your Entertainment, Adam Lambert
5. My World, Justin Bieber
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Music fans be very afraid

Secret agreement could see ISPs turned into copyright cops

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Agents from countries around the world — the U.S., the U.K., the EU, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Singapore, Mexico, Morocco and, yes, Canada — are secretly drafting the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement.

Despite the cone of silence demanded by the Obama administration for "national security" reasons, some details on ACTA have leaked out.

• ISPs will be turned into copyright cops and be required by law to filter out anything they think might be pirated material. This will mean monitoring sites that offer user-created material. Given the enormity and complexity of that requirement, consider the chill that will cast over music sites, even perfectly legal ones. Could many of them be forced out of business? What about bands who give away music?

• If you're accused three times (just accused, not convicted) by your ISP of using their pipes for illegally downloading copyrighted material like music, your household will be banned from the Internet for a year and forced to pay a fine. Little Susie thrice caught with her hand in the BitTorrent jar? The whole family will suffer.

• Want to make a backup copy of that DVD you bought by bypassing its copy-protection scheme? All DRM cracking — even for legal reasons — will be illegal.

> **"If Charlie the border guard suspects that even one of the music files on your Nano was obtained illegally, welcome to the world of search and seizure without the benefit of a lawyer."**

• Want to use identity-blocking software to maintain online anonymity? Not anymore you won't.

• But I saved the best for last. Customs officers of signatory countries will have the right to force you to prove that all the data on your iPod or laptop was acquired legally. If Charlie the border guard suspects that even one of the music files on your Nano was obtained illegally, welcome to the world of search and seizure without the benefit of a lawyer. And given that Canada is on America's "priority watch list" because they think we're pirates on the magnitude of China, Russia and Indonesia, I'm nervous.

Who's behind this? We're not sure. Canadian record labels were "consulted" but haven't been involved in the final negotiations.

Bottom line is that ACTA could be in place by 2010 and you won't be able to do a damn thing about it. Federal trade agreements don't require parliamentary approval. One signature from the appropriate government representative and it's the law.

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SNL injects some new blood into guest host lineup

Saturday Night Live is jumping on the Twilight bandwagon. The show will welcome New Moon star Taylor Lautner as well as Gossip Girl leading lady Blake Lively and General Hospital's newest hunk, James Franco, next month. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

So You Think You Can Dance Canada winner Nico Archembault embodies famed dancer Rudolf Nureyev in the new Bravo! biopic.

Canadian dancer brings sex appeal, talent to Nureyev role

JOHN KEILLOR
for Metro Canada

Filmmaker Moze Mossanen brings international intrigue and artistic genius together in his new Bravo! production Nureyev, about the great Russian dancer who famously, dangerously defected in a Paris airport during the Cold War, and then revolutionized ballet in the West while evading Soviet recapture.

Rudolf Nureyev's wild elfin beauty, his genius and his limitless technique present a self-evident casting nightmare, but lithe Nico Archembault, winner of 2008's So You Think You Can Dance competition, has the necessary talent and the charismatic handsomeness. Still, playing Nureyev is a daunting task.

"He remade the male dancer's role," says Archembault by phone. "Before Nureyev, men on stage were mostly props that women danced around. Nureyev changed everything. He was physically one of the greatest dancers who ever lived, and he was also mysterious yet flamboyant."

Archembault is an all-round dancer, a master of many styles, but moving into the purely ballet realm is tough. Professionals can spend a decade or more getting some of those moves right. Ballet makes some unique demands on the body that modern and jazz styles don't require.

Nureyev airs on Bravo! on Tuesday night

"(Nureyev) was physically one of the greatest dancers who ever lived."
Nico Archembault

Luckily, Archembault, who recently danced in a Janet Jackson video, has a complete background to build upon for the challenge of performing as Nureyev, including classical ballet.

"Ballet has been part of my routine all my life," he says, "it's always been part of my warm up and my work out. And since I got the role, I've been concentrating on ballet, with lots of private lessons."

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
11/27/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Billy Connolly: Journey to		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101 (N)	Agenda
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	*Ice Age: The Meltdown* ★★ (2006, Comedy)				NUMB3RS "Jacked"		News Final
	215	343	4 OMN1	Two Men	Simpsons	Omni News: Italian Edition		Vivere V	Omni News:	Simpsons	King of Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6 CBC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
	214	344	7 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Supernanny (N)		Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)		The Jay Leno Show		News
	212	313	8 CTV	etalk	Access H.	*The 40-Year-Old Virgin* (2005, Romance-Comedy)				Colbert Christmas: Gift		CTV News
	218	345	11 CHCH	*Rumble in the Bronx* ★★ (1995, Action) Jackie Chan.				*Exit Wounds* ★ (2001, Action) Steven Seagal, DMX.				News at 11
	-	387	16 CBS	Inside Edition	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer		Medium (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Jacked"		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	The Insider	Entertainment	*The 40-Year-Old Virgin* (2005, Romance-Comedy)				The Jay Leno Show		News
	-	386	18 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Supernanny (N)		Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Law & Order		Law & Order: SVU		Comedy Now	Comedy Now	A News
	-	-	28 FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	*Ice Age: The Meltdown* ★★ (2006, Comedy)				Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
	-	388	61 PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	Liza's at the Palace			Victor Borge: 100 Years of Music			Wash. Week
news	500	500	33 CNN	CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22 net	Billiards: US Open 9 Ball		PartyPoker.net		Best Damn Top 50 Special		Sportsnet Connected		Hockey
	400	400	30 TSN	Hockey	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Boston Celtics. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	551	542	25 YTV	*Material Girls* ★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff.				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's-Weird	Sorry	Adrenaline
	554	544	45 TEL	Batman	Star Wars	Star Wars	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*Aeon Flux* (2005, Science Fiction)		
	556	540	51 FAM	Aaron Stone	*Skyrunners* (2009, Science Fiction)			(9:04) *Max Keeble's Big Move*			*Around the World*	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38 CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		Star Crossed	The Show (N)	Cheerleaders	Cheerleaders	Live at Cedar Creek		Terri Clark
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny	Kenny	Law & Order: UK		Cra$h & Burn
	294	529	47 TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		*Men in Black II* ★★ (2002, Comedy)		
	581	566	52 MTV	OverBolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	The City	After	The Hills	Peak Season	1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56 FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	HEAT	HEAT	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diners	Diners	Ramsay
	300	601	301 M1	(7:15) *The Tale of Despereaux* (2008, Adventure)				*Knowing* ★★ (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage.				*Outlander*

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
11/28/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Into the Wilderness (N)		*Places in the Heart* ★★★ (1984, Drama) Sally Field.				Interviews (N)	*Pennies From Heaven*	
	211	331	3 GTV	renegade	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada		*Recipe for a Perfect Christmas* (2005), Carly Pope				News Final
	215	343	4 OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Objektyv	Russian Waves		To Be Announced		TBA
	210	302	6 CBC	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Oilers at Canucks		
	214	344	7 CITY	My RONA Home		Glenn Martin	Out There	*A Lover's Revenge* (2005, Suspense) (DVS)				News
	212	313	8 CTV	Sid vs. Alexander		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Criminal Minds		Russell Peters: Red, White		CTV News
	218	345	11 CHCH	*The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* ★★ (2005, Drama)				*The One* ★ (2001, Action) Jet Li, Carla Gugino.				News at 11
	-	387	16 CBS	Paid Program	Bring Wall St	The Good Wife		Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	Paid Program	The Insider	Madagascar	*The Incredibles* ★★★ (2004, Adventure) (HDTV), Holly Hunter					News
	-	386	18 ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Football Regional Coverage. Georgia at Georgia Tech or Notre Dame at Stanford.						
	219	346	20 ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Eve's Christmas* (2004, Comedy-Drama) (DVS)				Whistler (DVS)		A News
	-	-	28 FOX	(6) *Treasure Planet* ★★		Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Simpsons	Simpsons	Wanda Sykes
	-	388	61 PBS	Qi Gong for Weight Loss		Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart				Sinatra at Carnegie Hall		
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	405	417	22 net	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				PartyPoker.net		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	Grey Cup Saturday		Reporters	Gladiators	Awards	SportsCentre	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	551	542	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Sorry	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45 TEL	*Ben 10: Alien Swarm* (2009, Science Fiction) Ryan Kelley.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel (N)
	556	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Richie Rich* ★★ (1994, Comedy)			(10:34) *Contact*	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38 CMT	Unstable	Unstable	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		*Mermaids* ★★★ (1990, Comedy-Drama)		
	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Christmas Caper* (2007, Comedy-Drama)				*Premonition* ★★ (2007, Suspense)		
	294	529	47 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	Reba	Reba	Holiday Celebrity Kitchen		*Catch Me if You Can* ★★★ (2002)		
	581	566	52 MTV	OverBolts	OverBolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	603	561	56 FOOD	Glutton	Chef Abroad	Dear Food Network		Chopped "Bring It!"		Top Chef: Las Vegas		The F Word
	300	601	301 M1	*The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2* (2008)				*The International* ★★ (2009, Suspense)				*Killshot*

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
11/29/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	e2	e2	Adopt Me Please (N)		*Belonging* (2004, Drama) Brenda Blethyn.			Empire of the Word	
	211	331	3 GTV	Prod. Parker	King of Hill	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	215	343	4 OMN1	Away From Home (N)		OverBolts	TBA	To Be Announced		Metropia	Metropia	Vamos
	210	302	6 CBC	Heartland (DVS)		*Elf* ★★★ (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell, James Caan.				CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
	214	344	7 CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Extreme Makeover: Home		My RONA Home (N)		Conviction Kitchen (HDTV)		News
	212	313	8 CTV	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	The Amazing Race 15		Desperate Housewives (N)		(10:01) CSI: Miami		CTV News
	218	345	11 CHCH	*America's Sweethearts* ★★ (2001, Romance-Comedy)				*The Running Man* ★★ (1987, Science Fiction)				News at 11
	-	387	16 CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 15		*A Dog Named Christmas* (2009, Drama)				News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Baltimore Ravens. (HDTV) (Live)						
	-	386	18 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	America's Next Top Model		*Too Cool for Christmas* (2004, Comedy-Drama)				Spectacle: Elvis		A News
	-	-	28 FOX	NFL Football	The OT	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61 PBS	Celtic Woman: Songs		A Tale of Two Cities Charles Dickens story.				Great Performances		
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Union
sports	405	417	22 net	NFL Football	Sportsnet Connected		UFC: Access	Best Damn Snow Angels		Hooters Dream Girl II		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	(6:30) CFL Football Grey Cup: Montreal Alouettes at Saskatchewan Roughriders.						Postgame	SportsCentre	
family	551	542	25 YTV	*Christmas With the Kranks*		SpongeBob	Family Biz (N)	Smallville "Legion"		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45 TEL	Total Drama	Total Drama	Total Drama	Total Drama	Futurama	King of Hill	Bromwell	Rick & Steve	John
	556	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Lost & Found* (1999, Romance-Comedy)			*The Last Starfighter*	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38 CMT	Karaoke Star "Kitchener"		Funniest Home Videos		Wilsons	Wilsons	Cheer Moms	Cheer Moms	Tuckerville
	616	521	39 SHO	Cra$h & Burn "Trust"		*Recipe for a Perfect Christmas* (2005), Carly Pope				Weeds	Found.	Kenny
	294	529	47 TBS	*Deliver Us From Eva* ★★ (2003, Romance-Comedy)				*Deliver Us From Eva* ★★ (2003, Romance-Comedy)				*She's-Lovely*
	581	566	52 MTV	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Real World-Road Rules		1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56 FOOD	Challenge		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant
	300	601	301 M1	*August Rush* ★★ (2007, Drama) Freddie Highmore.				Dexter "Hungry Man"		Dexter "Lost Boys"		Dexter

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King Tut Gala guests Stathis Notidis and wife Hatice Notidis.

King Tut Gala co-chair Victoria Webster.

THE ART GALLERY of Ontario welcomed King Tutankhamun to Canada in true soirée style with an opening night gala that had guests dining and dancing. It was a more somber affair as Liss Gallery, in Yorkville, celebrated urban culture commissioned works. The NHLPA closed off the week with its 10th anniversary celebration of its Goals & Dreams Fund.

NHLPA GOALS & DREAMS: Emcee and Hockey Night In Canada host Kevin Weekes with wife Stephanie Weekes.

LISS GALLERY OPENING: Artist Justin Bua.

ABOVE: Tut guests, from left, Deedee Hannah, Cawthra Burns and Barbara MacDonald.
RIGHT: King Tut Gala co-chair Earl Rodman and wife Ariella Rohringer.

NHLPA GOALS & DREAMS: Event guests, from left, Aliscia Morin, Samantha Douglas and Stephanie Becker.

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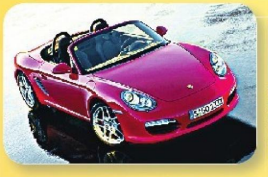

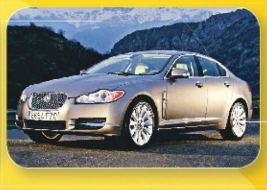

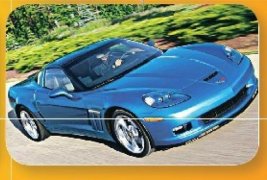

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Tequila sex tape
TMZ.com is reporting that MTV reality star Tila Tequila is the latest celebrity at the centre of a sex tape scandal. A 10-second clip surfaced on a website. **POPEATER.COM**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

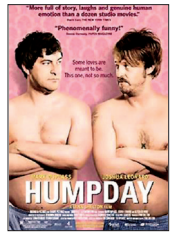
1 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show

TV Santa's granted your wish — a little early this year. On Dec. 1, CBS will broadcast a holiday-themed pageant from the house of hot lingerie. Heidi Klum hosts and the Black Eyed Peas perform. Models? Marisa Miller, Alessandra Ambrosio, Doutzen Kroes and Miranda Kerr, to name a few. Check local listings for air times.

2 Fantastic Mr. Fox

FILM Like a smack in the face of all the CGI-driven drivel comes this old-school, stop-motion animation from one of the quirkiest directors working in Hollywood. Wes Anderson updates the beloved Roald Dahl story with a little help from star voiceovers — including George Clooney, Meryl Streep and Bill Murray.

3 Humpday

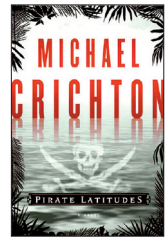


DVD Straight guy meets straight guy friend after 10 years, go to a party, get drunk and decide to make arty gay porn film starring themselves. What sounds like a bromance to end all bromances is actually just a premise for a journey through male egotism. It helps that there are plenty of laughs on the way. Starring Mark Duplass and Joshua Leonard.

4 I Dreamed a Dream: Susan Boyle

ALBUM If her dream was releasing the year's biggest-selling album of the year, it may just come true. The Britain's Got Talent phenomenon has been topping pre-sales lists for weeks and is already breaking records across the pond. As for the album itself, there are some unusual choices for cover songs, such as the Rolling Stones classic Wild Horses.

5 Pirate Latitudes: Michael Crichton



BOOK Discovered by an assistant on the late author's computer, Latitudes is the writer's first posthumous novel. But this is no scientific thriller on the lines of Jurassic Park. As the title suggests, the story revolves around piracy in Jamaica in the 17th century. He should have just called it Pirates of the Caribbean IV.

6 Jack & Coke: Artie Lange

COMEDY Nothing's sacred for funnyman Lange. Not even the late great Heath Ledger. The filth flies in this live stand-up album from The Howard Stern Show regular, as everyone from Tony Romo to Mike Tyson turn toast on Lange's grilling machine. Really, the punch lines will leave you hungry for more.

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Mix of Six

Ladyfest
When: until Sunday
Where: Various locations

Now in its ninth year, Ladyfest continues its mandate of DIY feminism through a variety of disciplines: chase down those evenings of hip hop and indie and visual art with Sunday-afternoon workshops on everything from bike repair to sex workers' rights. Prices/times vary. ladyfesttoronto.com.

Braingiving
When: Saturday, 9 p.m.
Where: The Pilot Tavern, 22 Cumberland

This comedy benefit features a lineup of big-name locals, like Pat Thornton (Sketchersons) and Sara Hennessey (Video On Trial), it's a night of sketches, improv and stand-up in support of St. Michael's Neurotrama ICU. $20. Visit brainsgiving.ca.

Cavalcade of Lights
When: Saturday
Where: Nathan Phillips Square

Starting with the annual tree-lighting ceremony, followed by a concert featuring artists including Steven Page and Fritz Helder & The Phantoms, fireworks and a skating/DJ party. There'll be more of the same for the next three Saturdays in December.

Parfumerie
When: On until Dec. 24
Where: Young Centre

This romantic comedy, directed by Morris Panych, tells of two shop clerks who unknowingly fall in love with each other. Mon-Sat 7:30 p.m.; Sat. 1:30 p.m. $28-$68, 55 Mill, bldg 49. soulpepper.ca.

Kid Cudi
When: Saturday, 9 p.m.
Where: Kool Haus, 132 Queens Quay E.

This Cleveland rapper will be racing from the Lady Gaga show (he's her opener) to his own mob of fans who'll be ready to party all Day N Nite. All ages. $27.50.

Flower Travellin' Band
When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Revival, 783 College St.

After last year's reunion tour, the iconic psychedelic Tokyo rockers, led by singer, soloist and movie star Akira "Joe" Yamanaka, are back in Toronto for another falsetto rock–inspired performance full of Satori, drugs and rock 'n' roll. $17.25.

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A glimpse Behind the Veil

Work chronicles a Middle Eastern woman's journey

JOHN KEILLOR
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Middle Eastern traditions for women are a cloudy issue in this part of the world, but they're more complex than we know.

It's a history of conflict with modernity that director and choreographer Armineh Keshishian explores through dance in her new multidisciplinary work, Behind the Veil.

"Sometimes people say it's always men who prevent women from expressing themselves," says Keshishian, "but women do it too. They have a lot of power, and are the keepers of tradition."

Keshishian's own Evolution Dance Theatre presents this work through dance, video and spoken word. It's a history of one woman's quest to transcend tradition and realize her own potential. According to Keshishian, this goal still has yet to be achieved.

"The West cannot change the Middle East," she says. "The Middle East has to change itself, and (in this production) this process is illustrated by dance."

For people who know little about Middle Eastern dance, this show will be as instructive as it will be a feast for the eyes.

"We use many different styles of dance, including jazz and modern, explains Keshishian, "and of course belly dancing. Many Westerners think of belly dancing as just sexual. It certainly can be. But long ago, belly dancing was a form of prayer, and a social activity for women. They would dance for each other. It was only later on that women danced for money."

The story's protagonist tries to find her way toward freedom. This is also a quest for modernity, and by default, the West. The styles of dance change as her journey continues, so that ancient styles are gradually integrated into new styles, and belly dancing itself evolves in purpose and technique. The histories of women and dance are fused into a single entity.

"We start in Egypt, 4,000 years ago, and move on to 800 years ago, toward Europe's Middle Ages, which were all doom and gloom," says Keshishian, "and then on to two centuries ago, leading up to current times."

Anyone who watches the news knows that women are still in the process of emancipating themselves in many parts of the world. Keshishian's Behind the Veil suggests the solution dwells within the individual, and that personal freedom leads to collective freedom.

"(The story's protagonist) slowly has an impact on others," concludes Keshishian. "You are welcome to embrace tradition or change, but you have to have the right to choose."

Behind the Veil is a multidisciplinary work on at the Isabel Bader Theatre.

On stage

Behind the Veil is on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. Tickets: 416-978-8849, uofttix.ca, Sat. $35, Sun. $30. For more information, visit TheEvolution.ca.

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Swiss ministry will not appeal Polanski's bail

Roman Polanski will be moved from jail to house arrest at his Alpine chalet as soon as he posts $4.5 million bail and meets other conditions set by a Swiss court, the Justice Ministry said Thursday.

The ministry said it would not appeal a decision by the Swiss Criminal Court to release the 76-year-old director, adding that he can leave jail after his pays bail, surrenders his identity documents and has an electronic monitoring system installed and tested.

The announcement means Polanski will be able to continue his fight against extradition to the United States in a 1977 sex case from the comfort of his $1.6 million chalet in the exclusive winter resort of Gstaad. Authorities in Los Angeles want him sentenced for having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

``He must not leave this house,'' the ministry said in a statement. Should he violate the terms of release, the bail will be forfeited to the Swiss government.

Ministry spokesman Folco Galli said the release would be handled quietly.

``We don't want to show him off like an exotic animal,'' he told The Associated Press.

The bail decision was a major win for the director of Rosemary's Baby, Chinatown and The Pianist after a series of legal setbacks following his Sept. 26 arrest on a U.S. warrant as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award at a film festival.

Polanski was accused of raping the girl after plying her with champagne and a Quaalude pill during a modeling shoot in 1977. He was initially indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy, but he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of unlawful sexual intercourse.

In exchange, the judge agreed to drop the remaining charges and sentence him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation.

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Where's Polanski?

- Polanski has been held in a Zurich-area prison, believed to be in Winterthur, but Warden Walter Vogt told the AP on Thursday that Polanski "could be here or he could be in Bern," Switzerland's capital.

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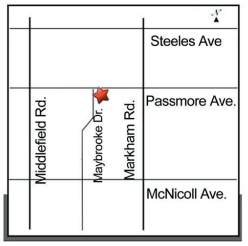

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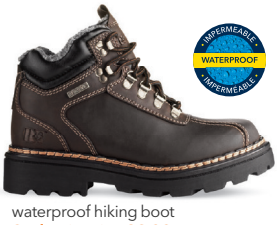

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Lady Gaga's monster

SANAA BEN SALEM
Metro World News

Love her or hate her, no one can remain insensitive to the charm of Lady Gaga. Wednesday, the American songstress released The Fame Monster her collectors album. Metro World News caught up with 2009's biggest pop phenomenon in advance of her concert at the Air Canada Centre on Saturday.

Q You are releasing a album called The Fame Monster, which is a reedition of you album the Fame, why should people buy it?

A For the eight new tracks. The Fame Monster is like a work of art — I wanted to create something that went above and beyond music. I also attached a lot of importance to the photos on the album cover.

Q The pictures were taken by Frenchman Hedi Slimane. How do you manage to have such an individual sense of style yet create music that is loved and listen to be everyone?

A Anyone can appreciate my music but I only work with certain people. For example, it is the director of I Am Legend Francis Lawrence which filmed the video for Bad Romance and I am about to work with British photographer Nick Knight.

Q You are a considered a global icon, is that something you find hard to deal with?

A Not at all. I have always known what I was getting myself into and the consequences my actions would have. Nowadays, you cannot be an anonymous popstar..

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Going Away

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Sounds of silence in Cape Verde

Endless beaches, great surfing, reasonable prices greet visitors to three islands

CÉLIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

Dreaming of a tropical island, deserted sandy beaches and unspoiled natural beauty? Cape Verde is all that and more.

This archipelago, off the west coast of Africa, 450 km from Senegal and 1500 km south of the Canary Islands is a revelation.

A former Portuguese colony, it is currently becoming a trendy destination for tourists from outside the Portuguese-speaking world, drawn here by the endless sandy beaches, great surfing, friendly locals and reasonable prices.

Like the Canaries, Cape Verde is volcanic in origin and boasts mild climate all year round, with temperatures ranging from 23C (winter) to 30C.

Among the 10 islands to visit here, there are three which should not be missed: Boa Vista, Sal and S. Vicente.

Boa Vista, one of the biggest islands, has wonderful stretches of deserted white-turquoise beaches and it is ideal for someone looking for a total escape from today's hectic urban life.

Hotels are starting to pop up here but the island hasn't yet been spoiled by tourism — there is only one asphalt road, from the airport to the capital, Sal Rei, and the population is small.

This isolation has left the scenery untouched, ideal for exploring by trekking, renting a quad or a 4x4 car.

The beaches offer excellent conditions for surfing, wind-surfing or kite-surfing and for snorkeling in the reefs.

Sal is the most popular island for visitors, with many hotels and resorts.

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Boa Vista, one of the biggest islands, is home to endless stretches of white sand beaches.

3 things to do

1 Party: Go to Mindelo, in S. Vicente island, and enjoy the lively nightlife scene where you can listen and dance to live music. This is where Cape Verde's two main festivals take place: the Carnival and the Festival da Baía das Gatas, on the Full Moon weekend in August.

2 Relax: Cross the desert and watch the sunset on Boa Vista island. The beautiful unspoiled coastline of Boa Vista offers amazing African sunsets. But first cross the sand dunes of Deserto de Viana in the interior of the island and finish the trip with a walk on Chaves beach, at the sunset hour, through the tamarind trees oasis.

3 On the water: Try snorkeling and animal watching in Boa Vista. There are boat trips for whale and dolphin watching, as well as for snorkeling and fishing. The coral reefs are amazing and among them lie the wreckage of many ships that didn't survive this natural barrier. Be surprised by the turtles, the fourth biggest colony in the world is said to live here.

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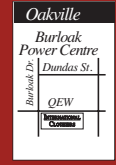

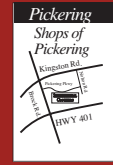

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Local children on the S. Vincente island play in the sand and laugh it up with the photographer. S. Vincente is home to historic city Mindelo, a colonial hold over from the English era.

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The small island of S. Vicente is known for Mindelo, a historic city with many colonial and colourful buildings from the Portuguese but also the English era.

In fact, don't be surprised if you see someone playing cricket: the English established here in the 18th century, to build a coal deposit for the ships that crossed the Atlantic.

The sounds of "mornas" and "coladeras"

The music of Cape Verde is certainly one of its best known exports.

Thanks to the remarkable songs of Cesária Évora, also known as the Barefoot Diva, many have discovered the 'mornas' and 'coladeras', the distinctive sounds from the islands.

Cape Verde has great singers and musicians, either living there or abroad. Experience it and don't forget to bring some recordings home. With deep roots in the musical scene there, Italians and Portuguese have made Cape Verde a prime destination.

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Cape Verde is a favourite destination for Italians and Portuguese whose roots are evident throughout the area.

Good to know

- **Language**: Portuguese and Creole.
- **When to go**: the climate is mild all year around but the dry season is from November to July.
- **Dish to try**: Cachupa, a rich dish with beans, corn, and a mix of pork meat, chicken and vegetables. Don't miss the local 'grogue', a powerful alcoholic drink.

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Hey, as long as she's not using it for singing

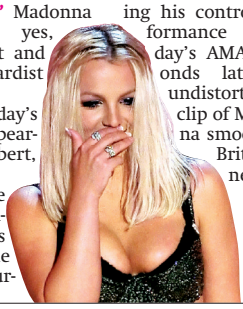
Avril Lavigne has her own and everyone else's tongues wagging after she was spotted kissing a mystery man in New York, reports RadarOnline.com. Lavigne was seen passionately making out with him on Tuesday. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

CBS 'double standard' over Adam Lambert smooch angers GLAAD

MEDIA 'CIRCUS' Madonna and Britney yes, Adam Lambert and male keyboardist no?

On Wednesday's Early Show appearance by Lambert, producers blurred the singer's open-mouth kiss with a male keyboardist during his controversial performance at Sunday's AMAs. Seconds later, an undistorted clip of Madonna smooching Britney Spears at the 2003 MTV VMAs ran.



What gives? A CBS rep explains: "We gave this some real thought. The Madonna image is very familiar and has appeared countless times including many times on morning television. The Adam Lambert image is a subject of great current controversy, has not been nearly as widely disseminated, and for all we know, may still lead to legal consequences."

Jarrett Barrios, President of GLAAD, called the edits "an unfortunate double standard that is applied to openly gay performers."

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Miley admits Efron crush in order to relate to teen fans

SORRY, KEEP TRYING Miley Cyrus is trying to relate to her teenage fans despite her successful career, and she's found just the thing. "There are not many things about me that are like a normal teenage girl. But the one normal teenage girl thing is that I think Zac Efron is the hottest person in the world," the Hannah Montana star said in a interview with XM Satellite Radio. "I really, really like him. And it's weird. It's weird because he's my friend."

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Love blasts Spears' dad

STEP AWAY FROM THE TWITTER... Courtney Love is taking to her Twitter account again, alleging that Britney Spears was molested by her father. "Britney's dad molested her," she writes. "Imagine the father that molested you owning you for slavery while you're forced to sing songs picked for their sexual content every night. Insane right?"

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Rihanna's advice on dealing with the rumour mill

UMBRELLA-HA-HA-HA Rihanna admits that all the speculation from earlier in her career that she was having an affair with Jay-Z had a deep effect on her, and spills the beans on how she was able to overcome reading nasty rumours about herself in the tabloids.

"It was like, 'Of course she had to give Jay-Z oral sex to get that deal.

"That rumour was everywhere in Barbados and it was so disgusting," the singer says, according to Yahoo! News.

But advice from Jay-Z himself was what helped her move past all the press.

"One day, he called and he was like, 'Yo, you can't buy into these rumours. You can't let people move you with anything they say,'" she remembers. "The rumours got very funny to me after that."

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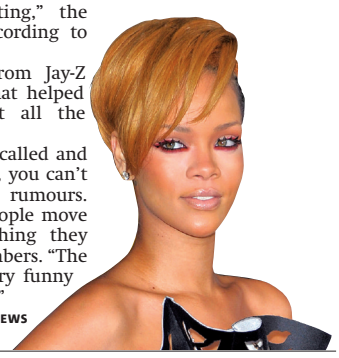

Kellan's playground kiss-and-tell

IT'S OK IF THIS STORY MAKES YOU FEEL A BIT CREEPY Twilight hunk Kellan Lutz has always been a hit with the ladies, ever since his very first kiss at the tender age of seven, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 24-year-old actor, a former model, confesses he locked lips with a girl for the first time during a playground game of truth or dare — and his technique was a winner from the start. He tells People.com, "I was playing truth or dare when I had my first kiss. I was probably seven. I learned to hold the girl and I won as best kisser."

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Celebrity tweets

Neil Patrick Harris wants a nomination but is afraid to ask for it, John Cleese wants his fans to show more devotion, and Sandra Bernhard has to replenish her Thanksgiving dessert supplies.

- @ActualNPH COUGH! COUGH! people's choiceCOUGH! awardCOUGH! Sorry, must be allergies...
- @JohnCleese Why aren't there more lookalikes of me? Rush out, and get surgery now!
- @SandraBernhard honey we are baking another pumpkin pie because we were up all night stealing pieces eating and going back to sleep

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Diaz dishes on aging

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MAALOX Cameron Diaz actually enjoys the aging process, she admits to Look magazine.

"I love getting older! I feel more self-possessed, which I think allows you to be more sexy, more confident. It's also natural that as I get older I play mothers and wives and be part of different kinds of films."

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Twilight star continues to bemoan the celebrity life

YEAH... STILL DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR YOU Kristen Stewart admits that the huge success of the Twilight series has made it hard for her to have anything close to a normal social life. "You're caught in this dilemma of wanting to be a normal person and knowing that if you do go out and have fun that it might turn out to be a big story," she says. "I don't leave my hotel room. That's the only way to avoid being followed."

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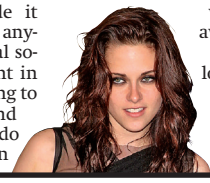

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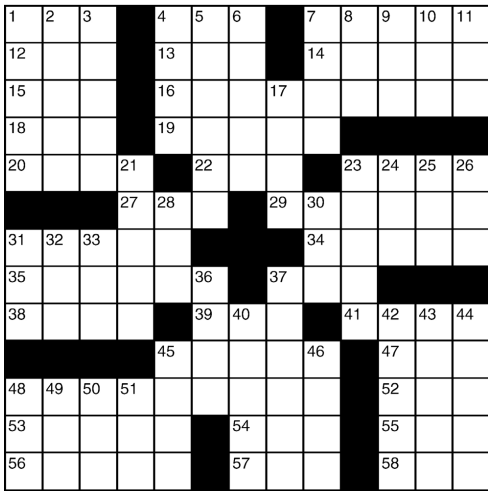

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Hasty Haddock with Tomato and Red Onion Salsa

INGREDIENTS:

1 red onion, halved and thinly sliced
4 tomatoes, halved and cores removed
1/4 tsp (1 ml) crushed chili flakes
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped candied ginger
1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato paste
1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
4 haddock fillets

METHOD:

1. Separate onion slices into shreds and put into bowl. Thinly slice tomatoes and add to bowl. Sprinkle in chili flakes, ginger and sugar, then stir in tomato paste and vinegar with seasoning to taste. Stir in 2 tbsp (25 ml) of olive oil and set aside.
2. Preheat broiler to high. Lightly oil broiler pan, then add haddock portions, skin side up, and brush with a little of remaining oil. Cook 3 minutes. Turn fish, brush with remaining oil and cook 3 minutes or until cooked through.
3. Divide salsa among four plates and lay haddock portions on top. Garnish with mustard and cress and serve immediately. aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.

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Sort out your money situation today. You don't have to be too ruthless about it but you do have to make serious changes.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
What occurs today will take you by surprise and maybe even test your faith in someone you thought you could trust. Stand back from the situation.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Do you go out and have fun or stay in and get some work done today? If you are smart you will sacrifice short-term enjoyment for long-term fun.

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JUNE 22-JULY 22
You have thought long and hard about what you want to do with your life – now you must make a decision and, having made it, stick to it.

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JULY 23-AUG 23
Something will happen today that shocks you. In return you will do something that shocks other people because it is completely out of character.

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AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your schedule and your working routine is likely to be disrupted today and, to say the least, you won't be happy about it. Be flexible.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Yes you can, if you wish, make a drama out of a crisis, but what good would it do you? Your best response is no response at all

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Your opinions about certain issues are likely to be somewhat confused. Don't worry: come the weekend you'll know all the answers again.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
In your rush to get things done today there is a danger that you could be a bit rough in the way you deal with other people. Don't be so harsh.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs property, investments and joint finances may incline you to take risks. Be cautious.

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Turkey Chili, left, will warm you on those cold days while Apple-Pear Upside Down Cake, right, is a perfect finish to any meal.

Turkey Chili

INGREDIENTS:

1 each onion, carrot and celery stalk, chopped
500 ml (2 cups) each cored, chopped apples and diced butternut squash
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
500 g (1 lb) ground turkey, cooked
30 ml (2 tbsp) chili powder
15 ml (1 tbsp) ground cumin
5 ml (1 tsp) dried oregano
1 ml (1/4 tsp) each salt and freshly ground pepper
1 can (284 ml/10 oz) undiluted chicken broth
1 can (400 ml/15 oz) light coconut milk
30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato paste
250 ml (1 cup) canned black beans, drained and rinsed
Coconut flakes and cilantro, for garnish

METHOD:

- Combine all ingredients (except garnishes) in slow cooker.
- Cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or on low for 8 to 10 hours.
- Serve with rice or mashed potatoes.
- You can Use 1 l (4 cups) diced cooked turkey or chicken in place of ground turkey. Open lid for last 45 minutes of cooking to thicken, if desired. Mash the squash with the back of a wooden spoon to thicken further.

MAKES 8 TO 10 SERVINGS

Apple-Pear Upside Down Cake

INSIDE INGREDIENTS:

50 ml (1/4 cup) butter
125 ml (1/2 cup) lightly packed brown sugar
45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped toasted pecans
2 fresh apples
1 firm but ripe pear

CAKE INGREDIENTS:

375 ml (1 1/2 cups) all-purpose flour
175 ml (3/4 cup) granulated sugar
5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
2 ml (1/2 tsp) each baking soda, cinnamon and ground ginger
1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
75 ml (1/3 cup) butter, softened
1 egg
175 ml (3/4 cup) buttermilk
5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla

METHOD:

- Grease bottom and sides of 2.5-l (9-inch) square cake pan.
- Add butter and melt in a 180 C (350 F) oven.
- Stir in brown sugar and spread evenly in pan; sprinkle with pecans.
- Peel, core and thinly slice apples and pear, slicing pear horizontally; toss together and arrange evenly over sugar mixture.
- Cake: In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and salt.
- Add butter, egg, buttermilk and vanilla.
- With electric mixer, beat at low speed until moistened; beat at medium speed for 1 minute, scraping side of bowl.
- Spoon over fruit and spread evenly.
- Bake in a 180 C (350 F) oven for about 45 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean.
- Let cool on rack for 10 minutes.
- Run knife around edge of cake and carefully invert onto plate, replacing any bits that may stick to pan. Serve warm.

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